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China Atomic Test Raises Fears in Asia and U.S.

Beijing Ends Informal Moratorium Among Principal Nuclear Powers

By Patrick E. Tyler ew York Times Service

HONG KONG — China exploded a nuclear weapon Tuesday at a test site beneath its western desert, breaking an informal testing moratorium among nuclear nations and rejecting a specific plea from President Bill Clinton to forgo the test after its preparations were detected last month.

The Royal Observatory in Hong Kong first reported the seismic jolt from the test, which occurred at 10:06 A.M. local time.

A statement issued late Tuesday by the official Xinhua press agency confirmed the test, but provided no details.

"It is entirely for the purpose of self-de-fense that China develops and possesses a small number of nuclear weapons," the state-ment said, adding that China's testing program has been "extremely limited" in scope compared to the other major states that pos-

In Washington, Mr. Clinton reacted immediately, saying: "The United States deeply regrets this action. We urge China to refrain from further nuclear tests and to join the other nuclear powers in a global moratori-um." (Page 4)

The United States, Britain, France and Russia have honored a testing moratorium. The president last summer extended the American moratorium imposed by Congress in October 1992, but he said that a resump-tion of testing by other countries during the 15-month extension period would prompt



him to seek congressional authorization to resume U.S. testing.

The president's statement Tuesday did not indicate whether the Chinese test would lead to American tests, although he instructed the Department of Energy to prepare for that

The tone of Mr. Clinton's remarks indicated that the administration does not want to overreact to the Chinese test.

China also called on the nuclear powers to conclude a comprehensive test ban treaty by 1996, but China also called for the start of a

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Blast Undermines Attempts to Halt North Korea's Bomb Development

By Michael Richardson

SINGAPORE - China's resumption of nuclear testing will undermine attempts to persuade North Korea to halt a clandestine program to develop atomic weapons, analysts in Asia-Pacific countries said Tuesday.

There is also concern in the region that the Chinese test, undertaken despite repeated American appeals for restraint, will create another serious source of friction in U.S.-China relations that are already strained by disputes over trade, human rights and weapons proliferation.

"China now cannot really persuade North Korea to stop development of nuclear weap-ons," said Masashi Nishihara, research director at the National Institute of Defense Studies in Tokyo. "The test undermines its own

Mr. Nishihara said that China had no rea-son to resume testing when the Cold War was over and other nuclear powers had suspended tests indefinitely.

But Beijing evidently wanted to "take ad-vantage of the situation to try to catch up in the field of nuclear weapons," he said. "China wants to improve its nuclear capabilities to maintain its big-power status.

Other analysts said that the nuclear test Tuesday would resurrect suspicions among countries in the region that China intends to use its rapidly growing economic strength to become a dominant military force in the Asia-Pacific area.

"Having been so mesmerized by the phenomenal growth of the Chinese economy over the last year or so, this is a salutary reminder to regional nations that China is a formidable military power. said Derek da Cunha, a defense specialist at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

Information from international agencies monitoring nuclear tests suggested the Chinese blast corresponded to a detonation of no more than 150 kilotons.

Andrew Mack, an arms expert at Australian National University in Canberra, said that the size of the blast indicated that China was probably testing a warhead for tactical nuclear weapons.

"Those who believe that China has begemonic designs in the region and is an inherently expansionist power are certainly going to be able to point to this test as evidence," he said. "Those who are not convinced one way or the other are not going to be reassured by

The United States, Japan and South Korea were looking to China to use its influence to rsuade North Korea to abandon its quest for nuclear weapons.

Pyongyang announced in March that it was withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonpro-liferation Treaty rather than submit to mandatory inspections by the International

Atomic Energy Agency.

Under heavy international pressure, the North later suspended the pullout from the treaty. But it recently canceled talks about

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Yeltsin, Tightening His Grip on Power, Fires Opponents

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin, having crushed his hard-line enemies in a military operation, tightened his control on the levers of state power Tuesday, dismissing offi-cials, extending censorship and closing more

news organizations.

The elected Moscow City Council was dissolved by Mayor Yuri M. Luzhkov, a Yeltsin ally, after consultations with the president. Aides said Mr. Yeltsin was considering dissolving other local councils across Russia that had opposed his programs.

His chief of staff was pressing the chairman of the Constitutional Court, Valeri D. Zorkin, who had frequently sided with Mr. Yeltsin's

opponents, to resign.

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed Russia's chief prosecutor, Valentin G. Stepankov, and two regional

governors who had opposed him.

The president also canceled a scheduled meeting of the Federation Council, an assembly of Russia's regional leaders that he set up last spring as a counterbalance to parliament. Aides

said they would now re-evaluate its role.

With parliament dismissed and many opposition parties banned, the regions appear to be the only remaining force that could challenge Mr. Yeltsin's authority. But regional opponents now appear to be switching to Mr. Yeltsin's

side or maintaining a very low profile.

Moscow remained under curiew after troops stormed the parliament building Monday and

captured rebellious deputies and their support-

Casualty figures remained incomplete and contradictory, but officials said at least 150 people had been killed and more than 600 wounded during two days of fighting. Most deaths occurred during a ferocious eight-hour firefight at the television center and during the shelling of the parliament.

Newspapers were under official censorship for the first time since Soviet days, and the mood was harsh and unforgiving after the most violent two days in Moscow's modern history. One evening television news program led with an interview suggesting that former Vice Presi-dent Alexander V. Rutskoi, now in captivity. should consider shooting himself.

Lieutenant General Alexander Kulikov. commander of Moscow's state of emergency. said his troops were searching for hidden crimi-nal groups and "diehard fanatics."

"This time, if they show even the slightest armed resistance, they will be mercilessly shot down." he said.

A member of Mr. Yeltsin's staff, Nikolai Medvedev, said the president was "primed to act resolutely, but at the same time democrati-

[President Bill Clinton telephoned Mr. Yeltsin, who assured him that he would move ahead with democratic elections, Reuters reported.]

Mr. Yeltsin was scheduled to deliver a na-

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Press Is Forced

Back Into Line

A Comeback

for censoring the news.

causing concern here.

been suspended.

As Censor Makes

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW — A week ago, Vladimir Solodin was an official in the Ministry of Information

charged with defending the freedom of the press. Today, he is single-handedly responsible

He seems to have adjusted to the change in his job description without difficulty.

"Monday there were several newspapers in

which stories were censored, and we're going to

do it to more today," he said. "If you call me

crushed his hard-line critics and opponents in

the military attack on parliament, Mr. Solodin's

sudden job switch and his new philosophy is

Under the terms of a state of emergency

ordered by Mr. Yeltsin, a dozen or more news-

papers allied with Communists and far-right

nationalists and supportive of their calls to overthrow or destabilize the government have

But more balanced and even pro-Yeltsin

newspapers, free only for the last two years to

learn to write what they wanted, now find

themselves back under the watchful eye of a

On Tuesday, for instance, there was a blank

spot on the front page of the daily Sevodnya

where an article protesting the newspaper clo-

sures should have run. Inside, an even bigger

blank spot was stamped repeatedly with the

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East Europe's hopes for NATO membership

A volunteer wounded in the hard-liners' raid on

the Moscow broadcast center is unrepentant.

A French television cameraman, wounded Sun-

word "Censored" where Mr. Solodin had

pulled an article by Sergei Parkhomenko, which

painted a picture of confusion and name-call-

ing among Mr. Yeltsin's top aides on Sunday as

"He just said that it could not be published,"

The chief editor of Moskovskaya Pravda,

hard-liners were overrunning key Moscow sites.

Mr. Parkhomenko said Tuesday. "He did not

generally a pro-Yeltsin newspaper that also appeared with blank spaces Tuesday, comained that the new censorship seemed "purely political" and without military justification. Certainly, Mr. Parkhomenko's article seems to

have been banned mostly for the embarrass-

ment it might have caused the Yeltsin govern-

In the censored article, Mr. Parkhomenko,

who had unusual access to the Kremlin during

the crisis, wrote that it took hours after hard-

liners were rampaging across Moscow for top

aides to assemble at the Kremlin. And even

then, he wrote, most people "just squabbled noisily about who finally had proved to be more

naive than the other, who had believed in the possibility of compromising with bandits, who

had allowed himself to be confused with end-

He also described Mr. Yeltsin's arrival at the

Kremlin by helicopter late in the day and his

"plodding" into his office, not to be seen again.

loyal to the president," intentionally delayed its

entry into Moscow and "for almost 12 hours

left the residents of the capital face-to-face with

afraid to make a mistake. If it gets tough again,

tomorrow they will also freeze in midstride."

He added: "The commanders waited until it became clear who was winning. They were

On Tuesday, Mr. Solodin said the two Sevod-

nya articles and several others had been prohib-

ited because they "caused destabilization of the

He and other government officials described

fragile stability we have managed to reach."

Mr. Parkhomenko painted a picture of the military that, although swearing it was "entirely

ment or its military saviors.

less procrastination."

the beasts."

day in Moscow, died in a Paris hospital.

may be a casualty of Yeltsin's suppression.

With President Bons N. Yeltsin having

tomorrow, I'll give you the names.

Cutting Off Peace Talks, **Warlord Urges Somalis** To Fight 'Colonialism'

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

NAIROBI — A day after the most violent battle between United Nations troops and Somali militia in Mogadishu, the fugitive clan leader. General Mohammed Farah Aidid, said in a radio broadcast that he would no longer take part in any peace negotiations, and he urged Somalis to defend themselves against UN

General Aidid, who has been in hiding since June 17 and has rarely done personal broadcasts, talked for about 20 minutes on Monday night on shortwave and FM frequencies, honoring the heroism of his fighters and warning the United Nations that if more troops arrived they would not serve peace but worsen the situation," the Italian news agency ANSA reported. Mogadishu remained uneasily quiet Tuesday

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Bill Clinton and senior aides met to rethink the I. U.S. operation and develop a new policy. The troops' loss of mobility heightened the vulnerability of UN forces, A U.S. pilot's family learned he had been cap-

tured when a videotape of him was broadcast. after a 15-hour battle late Sunday and Monday that left at least 12 U.S. soldiers dead. 78

wounded and at least 6 reported missing. In the battle, at least two American Black Hawk helicopters were downed by Somali gunfire, and the missing are from one of the helicopters. It was the costliest day for U.S. troops in Somalia. It has been difficult to pinpoint the number of Somali casualties.

The International Committee of the Red Cross in Nairobi estimated that about 500 Somalis had been wounded. In his broadcast, General Aidid called the attack "a massacre" and said 300 Somalis and 28 Americans had

President Bill Clinton has ordered several hundred more U.S. troops to Somalia as well as heavy tanks, nelicopters and gunships. He warned General Aidid to treat his prisoners humanely or "the United States - not the United Nations - will view this very gravely and take appropriate action."

[U.S. troops and heavy armor left an army base in Georgia for Somalia on Tuesday. The Associated Press reported. The Pentagon said the total number of U.S. soldiers being sent would be about 650. That includes 200 replace-

ment (roops and a mechanized infantry company of at least 200 soldiers. The rest of the troops

danced on the wreckage of the helicopters. On Tuesday, U.S. television stations broadcast pictures of an American body being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu and the vid-

pain and his face scratched and bruised. A UN military spokesman, Captain Tim McDavitt, said the United Nations was trying to secure the release of captives, but he declined to specify how many soldiers were missing. We consider the way th

the chief UN military spokesman. He added that the agency was trying to recuperate the remains of the other soldiers. "We are hoping and imploring the militia to

ated Press, referring to Warrant Officer Du-General Aidid's refusal to negotiate sharply differs from Clinton administration statement in the last week that have stressed the need to find a political as well as a military solution to the Somali crisis and to shift the focus of the mission away from General Aidid. The United Nations says the general is responsible for the deaths of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in June.

if he feels at a military disadvantage.

As the past battles in Mogadishu have increasingly ignited international debate over the U.S. role in Somalia, General Aidid has stopped negotiations with such neutral arbitrators as the Ethiopians and the Eritreans, U.S. officials said. Although negotiators have made some progress in the past in convincing him to agree to disarmament, the point of contention

As the battle between the UN forces and the Aidid militia for southern Mogadishu has almost entered its sixth month, it has become misjudged the general's power base.

were crews for helicopters, AC-130 gunships and support personnel.]
In Mogadishu, jubilant crowds of Somalis

eotape of a captured American pilot, their Warrant Officer Michael Durant, visibly in

very barbaric," said Major David Stockwell,

treat him in the same way we treat captured militiamen," Major Stockwell told The Associ-

General Aidid's decision to cut off negotiations came as no surprise because UN and U.S. officials in Mogadishu believe he will only talk

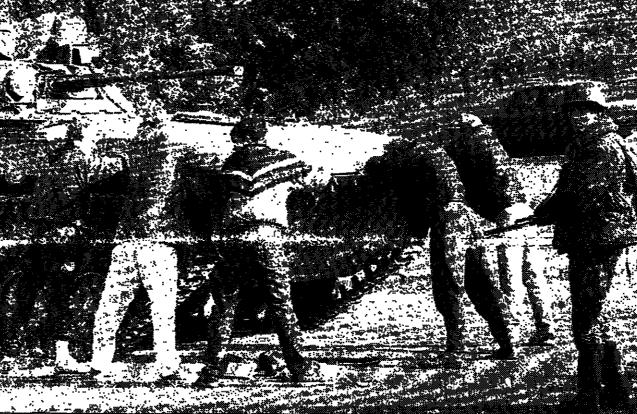
is his own fate.

that he can easily garner civilian support.

increasingly obvious that the United Nations While he may have only several hundred hard-core fighters. General Aidid has proven

FEW HOPES LEFT - Soldiers and survivors cleaning up rubble in Sastur, India, after the earthquake last week. Officials said

Tuesday that there was almost no possibility of finding any more survivors and that they would soon call off their search. Page 2.



A group of suspected looters in Moscow being detained by a Russian soldier near the parliament building Tuesday morning.

Arafat and Rabin to Get Down to Details

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat will meet in Cairo on Wednesday, the first official encounter of substance by an Israeli prime minister and the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In contrast to the symbolic power of these men's famous handshake at the White House on Sept. 13, the meeting this time is billed as more of a nuts-and-bolts session: how to crank up negotiations on translating from principle to reality an agreement to introduce Palestinian self-rule to Israeli-occupied terri-tories, starting in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho.

Formally, the accord goes into effect next Wednesday, a month after the signing, and negotiations over details could start right away, although no date has been set and few bere would be surprised by a delay.

If the agreement is followed to the letter, those talks are to be wrapped up by Dec. 13. Then, Israeli troops are supposed to begin a phased withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho over the following four months, and author-

Palestinian village forgets the past. Page 5.

ity over certain basic services like health and education is to be transferred to Palestinians elsewhere in the West Bank. But almost every important detail still has

to be worked out. It is to set those critical negotiations in motion, and to put a lid on growing acrimony between their two camps that Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat are meeting at a palace in Cairo.

In recent days, the Israeli leader has ex-pressed irritation with the PLO for having not yet appointed a delegation for the talks For his part, Mr. Arafat has accused Israel of violating the spirit of the Sept. 13 accord by actively hunting wanted armed men in the territories, both from the Islamic militant Hamas group and from his own mainstream

react to a declared cease-fire, he said. In reply, Mr. Rabin insists that the hunt for fugitives will go on, arguing that Israel did not forfeit the right to go after people accused of anti-Israel violence just because of the deal with the PLO. The dragnet continued Tuesday in Gaza City, where Israeli undercover forces shot to death an armed Arafat lovalist who, according to Palestinian witnesses, had

Fatah faction of the PLO. That is no way to

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Accord Lacking in UN-Iraqi Talks

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Outstanding issues remain after four days of intensive talks

plex questions," said Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission on Iraq, after a meeting with the Iranian deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz.

and said that he would stay for a long as it took to reach an agreement.

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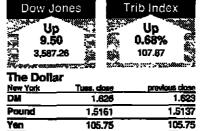
U.S. emergency room visits for drug reactions have reached a record high. Page 3. Police commander's refusal to quit poses serious obstacle to Haitian accord. Page 5. The UN Security Council extended peacekeeping operations in the former Yugoslavia and warned Serbia. Page 8.

Business/Finance

With Daimler on Wall Street, investors turn bullish on Frankfurt stocks. Japan's cuerrent-account surplus widened 7.4 percent in August.

The talks are being held in an effort to close the UN file on Iraqi arms and weaponsrelated activities banned under the terms of the Gulf War cease-fire and to lay down a strict mechanism to monitor and control Baghdad's weapons potential in the future.

The United Nations is asking Iraq for a complete list of its former arms suppliers and comprehensive revelations of its past weapons programs. Iraq has said that it is ready to comply, but it wants a pledge from the Security Council that sanctions against it will be eased or lifted in return.



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between Iraqi officials and United Nations arms inspectors, a senior UN official said "It is good atmosphere, but there are com-

Mr. Ekeus arrived in Baghdad on Friday

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A Defiant Casualty Of Yeltsin's Victory

Volunteer Wounded in Moscow Battle Says the Defeat Is Not a 'Fatal Blow'

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Three days ago, Dmitri Dolgikh put some cash in his pocket, told his boss he would be taking a few days off and slipped out of the house without a word to his wife and two daughters.

The Siberian oil-field worker, 47. took the first flight he could to Moscow, slept Saturday night at a railway station and emerged the next day to put his life on the line to re-establish the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and to be rid of President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Now Mr. Dolgikh lies in a grimy room on the ninth floor of Central Emergency Hospital in Moscow, shot in the abdomen, with gauze bandages over his midsection and a nasty exit wound from his buttocks. On Sunday, he heeded the call of the former vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi, to march on Russia's main television broadcasting center. He was wounded in the ferocious firefight that followed. Down but not out, Mr. Dolgikh

was unrepentant Tuesday. "I'm against capitalism now that I've seen it with my own eyes," he said, jabbing his finger toward a visitor. "Yeltsin is pursuing an anti-national policy rather than concentrating on agriculture and

Two days of the worst violence Moscow has seen in decades have filled the city's hospital wards with more than 600 wounded people, most of them civilians. At least 150 more people are dead, according to official figures, and the casualty count is expected to rise as bodies

are pulled out of the charred shell of the Russian parliament building. The evening television news on Tuesday said that only four of the dead were soldiers involved in the assault and storming of the parliament. Most of the others were rebels who tried to defend the parliament building against government troops on Monday, or those, like Mr. Dolgikh, who tried to storm

the broadcasting center on Sunday. The battle in Moscow's streets this week was won by Mr. Yeltsin RUSSIA: Yeltsin, Tightening His Grip on Power, Fires Officials Who Opposed Him and Broadens Restrictions

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tionwide address Wednesday, in

which he was expected to reveal his

views on when and how elections

for the new legislature and for pres-

[Mr. Yeltsin's press office also

announced that he intended to go

ahead with a visit next week to

Japan, Reuters reported. A brief

statement said he planned to be

Tanks and more than 6,000 extra

troops and police officers were still

patrolling the streets Tuesday

night. Soldiers continued to search

ident should be held

there Oct. 11-13.1

and the Russian Army. But if Mr. Dolgikh is any indication, the van-

quished may rise again. He said he did not think the battle at the parliament building had been a "fatal blow" to the anti-Yeltsin forces. Rather, he said, as soon as bread prices rise again, which is expected in the coming weeks, the forces opposed to the Russian leader will see their numbers multiply.

His agenda springs more or less from the standard dogma of Russia's nationalist far right. The simple views he espouses strike many, perhaps most Russians, as bizarre. But their very simplicity appeals to millions who cannot understand the turmoil that has beset their previously well ordered worlds.

Mr. Dolgikh sees Mr. Yeltsin's free-market economic policies as a plot inspired and controlled by the United States to turn Russia into a kind of annex producing cheap raw

Discrimination against Russians living in some of the other 14 republics of the former Soviet Union is, he asserts, "a policy of geno-

The answer, he added, is to reconstitute the former Soviet state "voluntarily," if possible.
Mr. Dolgikh exuded toughness

with every word and gesture. When he mentions halfway through a conversation that he was at the very front of a column of thousands of marchers who battled with riot policemen Sunday, it hardly comes as a surprise: he is a man who likes a

Nearly without any change in expression, he recounted his journey from Nizhnevortuvsk in Siberia to Moscow - his first trip to the capital in eight years -and his role in the march against pro-Yeltsin forces Sunday.

"We began throwing rocks at them," he said, "The police fought fiercely, but there were so many of us that we were able to break through.'

What of the police who were injured in the melee? "It was a big fight," he said. "Should we have felt sorry for them?"

some snipers remained in high-rise

More than 1,400 people were de-

tained and held in jails or in an open stadium after the rebellion

ended, and 800 more were detained

for curiew violations Monday

night, officials said. Many of the

detainees were questioned and re-leased, but Mr. Yeltsin's chief ri-

vals, Mr. Rutskoi and the speaker

of the parliament, Ruslan L Khas-

bulatov, were being held in the in-famous Lefortovo Prison.

islator, Vladimir Isakov, com-

plained that her husband had been

The wife of one conservative leg-

buildings around Moscow.



Russian soldiers catching up Tuesday on some of the news they had been making. Their night was spent clearing Moscow of resisters.

NATO Likely to Slow East Europe's Entry

By William Drozdiak

Washington Post Service
PARIS — The hopes of Hungary, Poland and other East Europe-an nations to secure early membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may become the next casualty of President Boris N. Yeltsin's suppression of his political opponents, according to Western strategists and NATO diplomats.

With Mr. Yeltsin's dependence on the security forces that carried out the raid on the Russian parliament now greater than ever, Western governments appear most likely to placate the anxiety among Russia's military leaders about see ing former Soviet satellites join the camp of former enemies, officials

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic have asked the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to lay down a clear timetable leading to their full incorporation into the Western alliance when its leaders convene a NATO conference in Brussels in January.

leaders.

searching for two other hard-line

Many Muscovites returned to

the streets and Moscow river

bridges near the parliament build-

ing to gawk at its charred hulk. A

huge, marble tower once known as

the White House, it was rechris-

tened by many Tuesday as the

Black House, with the top floors

soot-stained from fires that had

raged through the night. Bodies

continued to be found in the build-

italize on his military victory by

consolidating his political power.

Mr. Yeltsin seemed eager to cap-

On Monday, Poland's security council, which includes senior representatives of the army and the of the show sensitivity to Russia's predicament and not rush into expending the council of police, declared that the events in Moscow "demonstrate once again the importance and significance of our future membership in NATO."

While the United States and other NATO members have been careful not to close the door on the idea of eventual membership, they have tionalist forces in Moscow that could undermine Mr. Yeltsin and the delicate task of building de-

mocracy in Russia. In August, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher declared that NATO's expansion "is not now on the agenda," although other American officials say the policy

is under review. Among Western nations, Germany has emerged as the most arern states into the alliance. But on Sept. 21 and set new elections, after the worst civil warfare in repeated his remarks about the sov-

day morning. The police were still He told Mayor Luzhkov that he honor guards outside Lenin's man-

was determined not to repeat his

mistake of 1991, when many Sovi-

et-era laws, institutions and organi-

zations were allowed to survive de-

spite the defeat of a hard-line

Communist coup. The result, many

liberals have said, was two years of

ment, a pro-Yeltsin political party,

urged the president to ban all "pro-

Communist, pro-fascist and na-

were stymied.

pansion

Mr. Kinkel's predecessor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, counseled similar restraint. "I would advise the greatest caution with the idea of expanding NATO to the east," Mr. Genscher told a Cologne newspaper. "We should not do anything that excludes Russia."

After declaring during visits to Warsaw and Prague that those East European nations should be free to ioin any alliance they wish, Mr. Yeltsin sent a letter to the United States, France, Britain and Germany laying down terms for NATO's on that reflected the skepticism of Russia's Defense Ministry, according to sources familiar with its contents.

The letter, which was sent before dent advocate of bringing the East- Mr. Yeltsin dissolved parliament Moscow since the 1917 revolution, ereign choice of alliances for East Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of European nations. But Mr. Yeltsin

But a centrist politician, Vassili

Lipitsky, warned that the govern-

ment's mood of victory could be

dangerous. "In this state, it is easy

to give way to temptation to elimi-

nate all opposition and violate hu-

many Communist and nationalist

papers Monday. On Tuesday he

dismissed the chief prosecutor, Mr.

Stepankov, who had reported to

soleum in Red Square.

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economic and political reforms. Mr. Yeltsin had already banned

The Democratic Russia Move- groups and shut down their news-

tionalist" organizations, hold act he parliament under Russia's ex-

countable those who instigated the isting constitution, and replaced

uprising Sunday and ban all symbols of communism, including the nik. A rabidly anti-Yeltsin televi-

placed on the same fast track to join NATO and, in the interim, should cooperate with the West in providing joint security arrangements in Eastern and Central En-

letter, Western officials said, was a reference to the agreement on German reunification worked out by Russia with the American, French, British and German governments. It stressed the point that NATO agreed that no forces would be stationed in Eastern Germany, and by extension, would not post any alliance forces in the rest of Eastern

"That was clearly the language of the Russian military, making a bizarre case against any future expansion of the alliance," a Western diplomat said. "Yeltsin seems more favorable to letting the Eastern states join NATO, but the military is very worried about its strategic

banned from the St. Petersburg

network on which it had aired

vetted by an official censor. Even

generally pro-Yeltsin newspapers appeared with blank spaces.

Mr. Zorkin, chairman of the

Constitutional Court, was considering resigning after Mr. Yeltsin's chief of staff, Sergei Filatov, urged

him to step down, the news agency

Interfax reported.

nightly.

Mubarak Wins Another 6-Year Term CAIRO (Reuters) - Hosni Mubarak was confirmed as president of Egypt for six more years on Tuesday. He won 96.3 percent of valid votes a referendum in which he was the only candidate. in a referencium in which he was the only candidate.
"I will do all I can for the citizen," said Mr. Mubarak after Interior Minister Hassan Alfi read him the results of the balloting on Monday. "I will do all I can to improve the level of income of the simple citizen in this

But Mr. Mubarak avoided committing himself to a revision of the constitution to allow Egyptians to choose from more than one candidate The most perplexing part of the for president in a direct vote. At present, parliament chooses a single candidate to put to the people in a referendum. "There are some amendments which are needed," he said, "but there must be a suitable

"the first steps to a network."

She was taken to a Bombay hospital.

central organization, the government said Tuesday.

communications to help them organize joint activities.

Russian Forces Battle Tajik Rebels

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan - (Reuters)Fighting raged on the border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan on Tuesday as Russian forces used helicopters and artillery against guerrillas advancing into Tajik territory, military officials said.

WORLD BRIEFS

More Survivors Unlikely, India Says,

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The search for the dead from the devastating earthquake in the state of Maharashtra has almost ended, officials said

Indian troops have virtually stopped looking for bodies after clearing

the rubble in the two small towns and scores of villages that were flattened by the quake last Thursday, an official spokesman said. flattened by the quake last a nursuay, are orient spokesman said in Bombay, Maharashun's "It is almost over," the spokesman said in Bombay, Maharashun's capital. He added: "All debris has been removed. There is no possibility capital. He added: "All debris has been removed."

of finding anything more in the area. It is unlikely anyone will be alive.

He said that more than 10,000 bodies had been extricated and disposed

off, and discounted press reports that 30,000 people had died in the

French experts, backed by sniffer dogs, however, were still carrying out their search in remote villages, he added. On Monday, a dog brought by a their search in remote villages, he added. On Monday, a dog brought by a their search team sniffed out an 18-month-old girl alive under piles of rubble.

Bonn Sees No 'Network' of Neo-Nazis'

BONN (Reuters) - Neo-Nazi fringe groups across Germany are

trying to forge stronger links with each other but have not yet acquired a

In a reply to a question in parliament, the government said there was no evidence that the independent groups, most of which number fewer

than 100 members, had built up a central authority. But it said the success

of hundreds of neo-Nazis in avoiding the police to parade through the town of Fulda in August showed that the extremists had effective

In August, the head of Bonn's internal security agency, which tracks extremism, said there were signs for the first time of "action alliances"

between dozens of neo-Nazi and other far-right groups, and called them

As Search After Quake Nears End

Tuesday, as a huge humanitarian mission gathered strength.

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A local journalist quoted military officials as saying that on Sunday 300 to 400 Tajik rebels and Afghan mujahidin fighters staged one of the biggest attacks since a Tajik-Afghan border conflict began early this year. The officials said the 300 to 400 rebels divided into smaller raiding parties as they advanced into Tajikistan through mountains and deep valleys. Helicopter gunships pounded them from above and Russian border guards trained artillery fire on them, but the difficult terrain made accuracy uncertain, the officials said.

The rebels are renegades from a civil war in Tajikistan last year that killed thousands before forces loyal to former communists prevailed over Islamic fundamentalists and self-styled democrats.

UN Afghan Refugee Plan Needs Aid

GENEVA (AFP) — United Nations refugee officials said Tuesday that a shortage of funds might force them to end their program to repairiate

a snortage of rings might force them to that their program to repeatable.

Afghan refugees, with only \$150,000 in cash left for the effort.

"We could actually run out of cash and shut down our repatriation program if we do not get a quick infusion of funds," said Ekber Menemenciogiu, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees official for The president appointed a close ally, Deputy Prime Minister Vladi-mir F. Shumako, acting press minister. For the first time since Soviet days, Russians read newspapers

Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan. The UN body, which distributes \$25 in cash and 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of flour to every Afghan refugee on his or her return home, has money available only for the repatriation of 6,000 of the 3.5 million s in Iran and Pakistan. The agency received only \$27 million of the \$59.5 million that it had requested for the repatriation program. It estimates that it would need an additional \$15 million to continue the

Vatican Affirms Contraceptive Ban

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — The Vatican issued Pope John Paul II's new encyclical on Tuesday, which bans contraceptives as an "intrinsic evil," and church officials urged the world to see it as a challenge to face

up to a morality crisis.

"I think the encyclical is a moral challenge that will echo around the world," said Archbishop Francis Stafford of Denver.

In the 179-page document, which the world's 960 million Roman Catholics are expected to obey, the Pope reaffirmed the church's ban on artificial birth control. John Paul also reaffirmed bans on homosexual relations, premarital sex and abortion and orders liberal faithful, theologians and bishops not to dispute fundamental aspects of moral issues.

For the Record

A court in Algiers sentenced eight Muslim fundamentalists to death for killing a police chief and his wife in an ambush in the capital in October 1992. Five of those condemned were tried in their absence and were still, being hunted, said the official Algerian press agency, APS. (Reuters) Nigel Short drew the 13th game of his world title chess challenge in London on Tuesday against the champion, Garry Kasparov, who now

leads the 24-game series 9 to 4.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Trains were to run normally throughout France on Wednesday despite a strike call, the state railroad company, SNCF, said Tuesday. Traffic was normal Tuesday after a strike caused light disruption Monday. (Reuters) Britain had a record number of visitors during the first seven months of 1993, up 3 percent to 10.6 million, and the tourists spent a record £4.7, billion (\$7.05 million), up 12 percent, the government reported on

A computer-controlled, unmanned commuter train carrying 250 passergers crashed into a bumper at the end of the line in Osaka, Japan, on Tuesday, injuring more than 140 passengers, officials said. The four-carrying failed to stop at its last station and continued for 50 meters (55-yards) before hitting the bumper.

A walkout by 17 cabin crew members that left a United Airlines jumbo in Fiji is being investigated, the airline said on Tuesday. The incident occurred Saturday when the crew, having exceeded the number of hours that they were allowed to work, walked off the plane when it made an unscheduled stopover in Fiji.

for armed men who had escaped beaten in police custody before becapture Monday, and officials said ing released without charges Tues-EBEL

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Moscow Fighting Takes Life of a 3d Cameraman

PARIS - A French television cameraman shot during the fighting in Moscow died of his wounds Tuesday, the second foreign journalist and third cameraman to be killed in the clashes, the TF1 television station said.

Yvan Skopan, 49, was hit by several bullets Sunday while covering the battle for the Russian television headquarters. After emergency surgery in Moscow, he was flown to France on Monday night but died Tuesday in a Paris hospital, TF1 said.

A British cameraman, Rory Peck, 36, who worked as a free-lancer for the German public ARD network, was killed in a crossfire at Moscow's Ostankino television headquarters, and Sergei Krasilnikov, a Russian cameraman for the television news service ITA, also was killed in the Ostankino battle.

TF1's Moscow correspondent, Patrick Bourrat, was shot in the arm at the same time as Mr. Skopan was shot. Mr. Bourrat was able to broadcast on Monday with his arm in a sling.

In Washington, the State Department said that one U.S. citizen had been killed and five had been wounded in the fighting. A department spokesman said the circumstances of the fatality were not immediately clear. The dead man was a civilian.

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Yeltsin to Clinton: Thanks

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MOSCOW — Boris N. Yeltsin on Tuesday briefed President Bill Clinton on the crisis in a telephone call initiated by Mr. Clinton, the Russian leader's office said, Mr. Yeltsin expressed his thanks for U.S. support during the showdown with the Russian parliament. The two leaders also talked about the

CENSORSHIP: Press Reined In Continued from Page 1

confrontation between the govern-

ment and militant hard-liners. In the aftermath of what is being described by authorities here as a Communist-led coup attempt, with Moscow under curiew and being run for now by a military commundant, extraordinary measures like censorship were temporarily needed to re-establish order and peace, the authorities said.

The censorship was far from to-tal. The Moskovskaya Pravda editor's criticism of the policy, for example, was broadcast in an interview on Russian television news on Tuesday night, and Mr. Parkhomenko read his banned article and discussed it in a radio inter-

But conservatives complained that Mr. Yeltsin's new press policy was a sign of incipient strongman

"Shutting down newspapers is not democracy," said Alexander Krotov, deputy editor of Molodaya Gvardia, a conservative magazine that has not been closed. "The world community should speak up if it cares about violations of human rights."

At least one of Mr. Yeltsin's closest advisers, former Information Minister Mikhail Poltaranin, was speaking out against the press restrictions. In an interview with the radio station Echo of Moscow, Mr. Poltaranin, a former newspaper editor, said he was opposed to the censorship order.

Few were rushing, however, to the defense of the hard-line newspapers suspended by Mr. Yeltsin, which included the former Com-

munist Party mouthpiece, Pravda, and the nationalist and virulently anti-Semitic newspaper Den. "No one would be against the banning of such a newspaper as Hitler's Volktischer Beobachter if

it were published in Russia today, so I think that no one should be against the suspension of Pravda, Den, Sovetskaya Rossiya and the like," said Yuri Luchinsky, head of the Moscow regional inspectorate for the protection of the press. The deputy chief editor of Pravda, Viktor Linnik, denounced

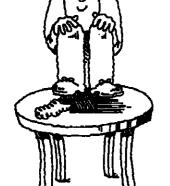
the suspension of his newspaper and said his staff would continue to "We must," be said. "What peo-ple get from the official mass media is all lies."

■ 'Setback for Democracy' The International Federation of Journalists condemned the press

restrictions on Tuesday and said censorship would not guarantee democracy, Reuters reported from "This emergency decree that au-

thorizes censorship at all news or-ganizations is a setback for the process of democracy," said the

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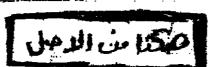
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Admiral Kelso telling reporters at the Pentagon that he believes he can still work with Mr. Dalton.

Aspin, Backing Admiral in Scandal, Deals a Rebuke to Navy Secretary

By John Lancaster Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Les Aspin's decision to retain Admiral Frank B. Kelso 2d as chief of naval operations despite his failure to prevent a sex scandal is a rebuke to Navy Secretary John H. Dalton, who argued that under navy tradition Admiral Kelso was accountable for the misdeeds of his

Mr. Dalton, a political appointee like Mr. Aspin, had recommended that Admiral Kelso be dismissed for having failed to prevent sexual misconduct at the 1991 Tailhook secret recommendation, made nearly a month ago, created an agonizing dilemma for Mr. Aspin.

The defense secretary has made the strengthening of civilian con-Colorer uniformed military leaders a hallmark of his tenure. At the same time, he thinks highly of Admiral Kelso, who has strongly supported his efforts to expand opportunities for women in uniform, and he questioned the fairness of Mr. Dalton's recommendation when there was no evidence of direct culpability on the admiral's part.

that although the navy had a cus-tom of holding captains responsible for the actions of their crew, "the time for applying such a standard to Kelso's behavior has

Mr. Dalton also recommended that 8 of the 35 admirals and one Marine general who attended the Tailbook convention receive letters of reprimand, censure or caution, a senior Pentagon official said.

Mr. Aspin asked Mr. Dalton to take another look at all 35 case files. Admiral Kelso's included, to make sure disciplinary action was fair and consistent, Pentagon offithat Admiral Kelso could still receive some variety of reprimand but that the practical effect of Mr. Aspin's decision would be to allow him to serve out his term, which

ends next July. Admiral Kelso, 60, a submarine officer, delivered a speech at the three-day convention in Las Vegas. where U.S. Navy and Marine aviators assaulted scores of women amid what the Pentagon inspector general later described as an "at-

mosphere of debauchery." In a report earlier this year, the senior officers.

by junior officers that "such behavior was widely condoned by navy civilian and military leadership." The inspector general has also

faulted the navy for failing to investigate the scandal aggressively out of concern for the reputation of the service and senior leaders.

The inspector general found no reason to challenge statements by Admiral Kelso that he had not witnessed any misconduct and did not

Mr. Dalton's decision did not sit cers, who felt that the navy secretary had crossed the line from holding Admiral Kelso accountable to making him a scapegoat. "There's a limit to accountability," one officer

A Naval Academy graduate, Mr. Dalton is a Texas banker who was campaign committee in Bexar County, Texas. He came to his cur-rent job in August and has spent much of his time since poring over thick case files on each of the 35

Drug Emergencies: A Record

Heroin, Cocaine and Marijuana Head the List Mark Kleiman, a drug expert billion budget for the war on drugs

By Joseph B. Treaster New York Times Service

eral health officials.

tinued to decline, heavy users of residential treatment organization cocaine, heroin and marijuana have in the country, said the figures been streaming into hospital emergency rooms in record numbers. kind of hopelessness among users."

help for adverse reactions to co-caine in 1992 increased 18 percent out, and it has little effect in reversfrom the previous year, to 119,800; heroin reactions rose 34 percent, to 48,000, and causalities of marijuana jumped 48 percent, to 24,000.

nior official in the Substance chief drug aide, said the soaring Abuse and Mental Health Services casualties cried out for more spend-Administration, which issued the

who teaches public policy at Har-sticks with the pattern established vard University, said the data ap-

While casual drug use has con-ident of Phoenix House, the largest "suggest a desperation of use and a Emergency room treatment is The number of those seeking among the most expensive kind of

ing chronic drug use.
Both Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services, the parent organization of the sub-These are the highest levels stance abuse agency, and Lee ever," said Daniel Melnick, a se- Brown, President Bill Clinton's ing on treatment and education. But Mr. Clinton's proposed \$13

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> White House officials had promised that the administration's national health overhaul would include substantial increases for drug treatment. But the proposals in-clude no provisions for long-term residential treatment, which most experts say is needed to deal with the chronic drug users now flooding emergency rooms.

> Cutting heavy drug use, many experts say, would sharply reduce national health costs. The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, for example, recently found that 20 percent of all Medicaid costs were related

Trimming U.S. Information Agency To Fit Into the Post-Cold War World

By Stephen Barr

WASHINGTON — These are tough times for employees at the U.S. Information Agency, which faces budget cuts and reorganiza-tion as it searches for a new niche in the post-Cold War world and in the

nternational mass media. The changes are disrupting the careers of the agency's Foreign Service and civil service employees. As the director, Joseph D. Duffey, said in a letter last week to his staff:

There is no way to restructure the agency without direct, often, unwelcome impact on the lives of many employees. Positions will be redesigned and changed. Some will be lost. I recognize the difficulties and am determined to make the process as fair as possible."

Some of the agency's civil service employees, however, feel that they are being singled out to bear the brunt of the cuts, arguing that the proposed reorganization would cut more jobs in Washington than abroad. Union representatives have suggested that the agency cut more deeply into its management ranks as a way of saving money. In an interview, Mr. Duffey and his deputy, Penn Kemble, said their

restructuring aimed to make "verti-

cal cuts," including some to man-

overseas operations would also be reviewed in coming months for more budget savings.

Internal agency papers show that it is planning to cut 210 positions and at least \$17.5 million in fiscal 1995. Agency officials, who are scheduled to meet on Wednesday with the director of the office of ement and budget, Leon E. Panetta, cautioned that the estimates might change since the budget office was likely to press for deeper cuts.

The restructuring under discussion would stop publication of the agency's worldwide and regional magazines; eliminate some international book fairs and exhibits, and reorganize the "wireless file," which provides news, analysis and official texts to the agency's over-

Dropping the magazines, which are produced in Washington, would generate about \$4 million in savings and eliminate 54 jobs. The magazines include America Illustrated, a Russian-language monthly published since 1959; Dialogue, a quarterly journal appearing in 10 languages that covers trends in American society, politics and arts; Topic, a quarterly published in French and English and distributed

agement ranks. They added that in more than 40 sub-Saharan African countries, and al-Majal, an Arabic-language monthly distributed in 19 Middle Eastern and North African nations

The agency also is studying how to reorganize overseas facilities and libraries, a proposal endorsed by Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review.

Its biggest reorganization effort. however, began earlier this year when the Clinton administration proposed a consolidation of all U.S. overseas broadcasting.
The Bureau of Broadcasting ac-

counts for one-third of the agency's \$1.2 billion budget, according to the Gore report, while other services such as Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty operate on bud-gets totaling \$220 million annually. The agency operates Voice of America, the government's global

radio network; Worldnet, the satellite television broadcasts that reach 128 countries, and TV and Radio Marti, Spanish-language broad-casts beamed to Cuba.

Current figures show that the agency has 8,282 employees, with 3.974 of them in the civil service. More than 3,000 employees are citizens of the 144 countries in which it operates. There are 745 commissioned Foreign Service officers.

Health Care Estimate is Raised by \$16 Billion

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has raised by \$16 billion its estimate of how much it would cost the government to subsidize health coverage for small companies and low-income workers under its health care reform plan, according to White House health and economic advisers

The new calculation adds about 4 percent to the estimated \$405 billion in subsidies that would be available over five years to companies with fewer than 50 workers and employees making less than \$24,000 a year, according to White House officials.

After months of working on the finances of the plan, the administration, in the past week, has been re-examining how many people would need subsidies and how much they would cost. When the plan was disclosed in September, some economists and members of

Congress attacked its financing as inadequate.

Mennwhile, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, said she could not predict with certainty how many jobs would be created or lost if Mr. Clinton's plan were enacted. But she said the "net effect" was likely to be "small

White House officials had wanted Ms. Tyson to conclude that jobs would be created by the program. The president's health care adviser, Ira C. Magaziner, has said on several occasions that the program would create a few hundred thousand new jobs. Many of these new jobs are expected to be produced by a shift to more labor-intensive health care, such as care in the home, which the plan favors. The jobs issue is likely to become pivotal for members of Congress

faced with constituents' concerns about layoffs at insurance companies, hospitals and other health care providers asked to become more efficient to reduce overall health spending.

The jobs controversy also stems from the administration's plan to require all employers to pay a share of their workers' health cover-

age. The National Federation of Independent Business, which op-poses the requirement, estimates that more than 1 million people would lose their jobs if small-business owners were forced to provide insurance. The Employment Policies Institute, a business

group, predicts job losses totaling 3.1 million.

But Ms. Tyson concluded that it was not possible to predict whether companies that do not offer health coverage now would cut back on jobs or reduce wages or do nothing in response to a new

Ex-House Sergeant at Arms Accused of Theft

WASHINGTON — A former House sergeant at arms, Jack Russ, stole \$75,300 from the House bank, according to court papers filed Tuesday by the Justice Department that accuses him of embezzlement and two other felonic

Mr. Russ embezzled the money in 1989 by cashing 17 checks at the House bank that he had written on his overdrawn congressional

credit union account, the papers allege Mr. Russ also engaged in wire fraud and making a false statement, say the papers, which are called an "information" and which

ordinarily precede a guilty plea by a defendant.

The papers were filed by the Justice Department's public integrity section and the U.S. attorney's office in Washington.

The Dinkins-Giuliani Race: Too Close to Call

NEW YORK - One month before Election Day here, the race between Mayor David Dinkins and the challenger, Rudolph Giuliani, is too close to call.

A New York Times-WCBS News poll released Monday gave Mr. Dinkins 44 percent of registered voters, to 41 percent for Mr. Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor.

Mayor Dinkins, a Democrat, defeated Mr. Giuliani, a Republican-Liberal, in 1989 by only 2 percentage points.

Lane Kirkland, head of the AFL-CIO, speaking about President Bill Clinton at the labor organization's convention in San Francisco: "By and large, his agenda is our agenda, and we are and will be his most reliable troops." (WP)

single him out for criticism in either of two reports on the Tailhook No Whale Penalty for Oslo

Bill Clinton has informed Congress that he will not impose trade sanctions on Norway for violating an international ban on commercial whaling, but will continue efforts to persuade Oslo to halt the killing of minke whales.

"I believe our objectives can best chairman of a 1992 Clinton-Gore be achieved by delaying the implementation of sanctions until we have exhausted all good-faith efforts to persuade Norway to follow agreed conservation measures," Mr. Clinton said in a letter to Con-

minke whales, arguing that the spe-cies was plentiful enough to be hunted despite a worldwide whaling moratorium imposed by the International Whaling Commission in 1986. Norway is the first nation to flout the moratorium.

Acting under U.S. law, Mr. Clinton certified two months ago that Norway was undermining the international whale protection agreement. He had until Monday to inform Congress whether he would impose trade sanctions.

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Away From Politics

 Alligators killed a 70-year-old woman at the retirement community in Wildwood, Florida, where she lived, authorities said Monday. The dismembered body of Grace Eberhart was found in Lake Serenity after neighbors reported "three alligators playing with what appeared to be a human body," said Chief Deputy Bill Farmer of the Sumter County sheriff's office.

 A federal judge extended an order keeping Chicago's schools open, giving negotiators until Friday to agree on a teachers' contract. If they do not reach a contract by then, the third-largest U.S. school district will shut down, Judge Charles P. Kocoras ruled.

 George E. Rupp was inaugurated as the 18th president of Columbia University. Addressing an audience of 2,300, Mr. Rupp, 51, received a ceremonial copy of Columbia's 239-year-old charter and keys in an open-air pageant at the campus in New York. Mr. Rupp had been president of Rice University since 1985 and before that was dean of • The federal government said it will drop all potential lawsuits against the makers of the faulty mirror in the \$1.5 billion Hubble

Space Telescope in exchange for \$25 million. Edward A. Frankle, NASA's general counsel, said the agreement was "fair and reason-• The Justice Department filed civil-rights lavsuits against two dental offices for refusing to treat patients infected with the AIDS virus. Attorney General Janet Reno said the actions were intended to

send a strong signal to the medical community that the government

would not tolerate discrimination against AIDS patients and those

infected with the virus that causes the condition Scientists are making plans to watch Jupiter get bombarded by large chunks of a comet. Up to 21 pieces of the comet will plunge one by one into the planet next July, and they may signal their doom with brilliant flashes and huge fireballs, some scientists predict. The impacts may even produce some new storms on Jupiter like the planet's Great Red Spot.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Bringing Back Old Times Square

With office space all too plentiful, New York City has dropped plans to revive ever-seedier Times Square by building four new office skyscrapers. Instead, in a new plan for what New Yorkers like to call the Crossroads of the World, old buildings many of them now boarded up will old buildings, many of them now boarded up, will be fixed up, and the square's neon-lighted glitz and

glamor restored.

"All that blight, all that obscenity is going to be gone," said Mario M. Cuomo, governor of New York, in presenting plans for renovation. "We're going to recreate the old Times Square."

The city, with financial help from the state, announced that it would spent \$35 million to buy up property on the square, completing a three-year plan to buy up \$185 million worth of property in

plan to buy up \$185 million worth of property in Instead of office space, the plan calls for hotels,

stores and entertainment. No starting date was

Short Takes

This fall California will start using electrified prison fences, as do two other states, indiana and Massachusetts. California's fences will be 13 feet (about 4 meters) high and carry 4,000 volts and 500 amperes, enough to instantly electrocute anyone who touches them. They will have nonelectric fences on both sides, with warning signs in English and Spanish. Officials say electrified fences at all 19 of its medium- and maximum-security prisons

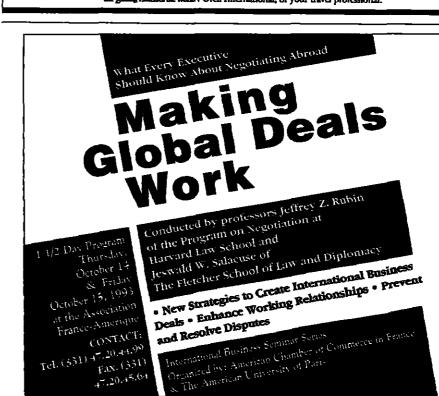
will reduce the number of armed guards in towers, saving \$42 million a year. A spokesman for the guards' labor union, noting that guards are authorized to shoot anyone trying to escape but also have discretion to fire warning shots, said, "We're losing the human factor. A death wire is a death wire. It's going to fry anybody who hits it."

Tina Brown, who has been shaking up The New Yorker magazine in the year since she became the editor, has started running a column of letters from readers, called "In the Mail." A spokesman said a regular column of corrections may be started as well. The weekly magazine has had neither during its 68 years, although it occasionally has printed letters headed "Department of Amplification."

Minnesota advertises itself as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes," without adding that all that fresh water helps breed billions of mosquitoes. Today, more and more communities are opting out of the state's chemical warfare program against mosquitoes. Environmentalists say the chemicals aren't safe and that killing mosquitoes is depleting a food source for larger insects and birds. Harriet Lykken, a member of the environmentalist Sierra Club, care the selection of the control of the says she has learned to live with mosquitoes, wearing light colors (mosquitoes prefer dark colors) and using screened-in porches and repellents. "Even if you got rid of a trillion mosquitoes," she said, "you'd still have a trillion left."

"A dime for a cup of coffee" - or rather, a dollar, these days — is the classic cry of the panhandler. But several beggars in the Los Angeles area, apparently deciding that honesty is the best policy, have started carrying signs saying, "Why Lie? I Need a Beer."

Arthur Highee



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Clinton Team Meets to Sort Out a Somalia Policy

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Tunes Service WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton met with his top advisers on Tuesday to review the entire Somalia operation, trying to forge a new policy that balances the military's need to remain in Somalia to recover U.S. prisoners of war, mounting congressional desire to pull out entirely and the president's hope that he can stay long enough to claim that the operation help put Somalia on

the road to recovery. Senior officials stressed that a new deployment of U.S. troops to Somalia, announced Monday and Tuesday, was not a sign that the administration has decided to become more deeply involved. Rather, they said, it was a holding action to protect U.S. forces while the Clinton team considers its three main options, which officials concede are all bad. Mr. Clinton was to meet at the White

House with, among others, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, the U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, and the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake. Aides said Mr. Clinton seemed to be tilting away from the two extreme options: an immediate withdrawal, or a huge expansion of the U.S. military presence.

The fact that the Somali warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid now reportedly holds several U.S. soldiers as prisoners of war makes the overall 28,000-person UN force in Soman immediate U.S. withdrawal impossible, lia, they are its backbone, and the whole UN mix of political and military steps. This

officials said. And the mounting opposition in Congress to the Somalia operation makes any major expansion of the U.S. presence there equally untenable.

Therefore, they said, the president and his advisers seemed headed for a new approach that has as its immediate focus recovering the American prisoners of war while also developing a strategy that will allow the

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United States to declare victory and quickly move its 4,000 troops in Somalia off shore. One option, now being urged by many in Congress, is to pull U.S. forces offshore. The with this option, said a senior official, is that danger, officials said, is that although the 4,000 American troops are only a fraction of

operation could collapse if the Americans pulled back.

The other argument against this option that if the Clinton administration cuts and runs from Somalia it will be discredited around the world, and even at home - is dismissed by at least some senior presider tial advisers. Their view is that the world understands the difference between vital U.S. interests and those, as in Somalia, that

Therefore, the argument goes, even if the United States withdraws from Somalia, no one will be misled into thinking that Washington is not ready to stand and fight when its vital interests are at stake. Moreover, administration officials say

they are keenly aware that the public response to pictures of U.S. soldiers being dragged through Mogadishu's streets is anger — not a call to go in and retaliate, but rather to get out and leave the Somalis to their own problems.

The second option, officials say, is to go to the other extreme, and beef up the U.S. military presence so that it can break the back of General Aidid's opposition movement and secure enough of the country to establish a real political order. The problem it could effectively mean "going to war with half of Somalia in order to save Somalia."

would involve upgrading the U.S. presence so that troops would be better able to protect themselves and provide a secure environment, while they work out a strategy for declaring victory, leaving and recovering captured U.S. troops.

■ Legislators Urge Pullout

Several senators and 25 congressmen. most of them Republicans, called either for an immediate pullout or for Mr. Clinton to quickly complete the U.S. mission in Somalia and get troops out, Reuters reported from

"Enough is enough," Representative Toby Roth, Republican of Wisconsin, told the House. "No more American prisoners. No more American dead soldiers being dragged through the streets in Mogadishu, displayed and mutilated.'

A Democrat, Romano L. Mazzoli of Kentucky, said: "We are in a quagmire and we will not get out of it by getting further and deeper into it. The quicker we can get our

people home, the better." Senator Trent Lott, Republican of Mississippi, urged the president to "declare victory

and get out."

"Remaining in Somalia will only cost more U.S. lives, squander U.S. power and commit the United States to an unending quagmire from which we cannot easily with-

Testing Resumes

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Western analysts said China's

pressure over the nuclear test fits a

pattern of recent Chinese behavior

that is assertive and unaccommo-

dating in its international relations.

A number of analysts attribute this

behavior to the pending leadership succession in China, where the

country's longtime senior leader,

Deng Xinoping, recently passed his

89th birthday and is increasingly

The Mogadishu Rut Deepens

Loss of Mobility Heightens Vulnerability of UN Forces

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Mogadishii battle that left at least 90 American casualties -12 of them dead — may be only the beginning of the bad news from Somalia. What the episode tells military planners is that the UN intervention force has lost control of the key roads and the

The loss of mobility left dozens of U.S. Army soldiers pinned down for 10 desperate hours Sunday and Monday. With roads blocked by guerrillas carrying out ambushes, and three helicopters shot down during the confrontation, according to mili-tary reports reaching Washington, there was no rapid way to reinforce the outnumbered

The inability to secure what the military calls its "lines of communication" threatens to strangle U.S. and allied troops leaving no safe means of travel between their key strategic centers: the airfield, the UN military headquarters and the port. That accounts for the hasty decision to rush tanks and armored vehicles to Mogadishu even as the Clinton administration tries to convince Congress that withdrawal is around the corner.

A defense official predicted "a total grounding of our ability to fly rotary wing aircraft" after Somali forces loyal to the warlord, General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, shot down two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at the battle

site by firing from the ground.

A third helicopter was hit and crash-landed at the port; two others were hit and returned to

At the same time, vehicles used to carry U.S. soldiers around the city again fell victim to ambush. Somali gunmen immobilized them with command detonated mines and then asmachine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.
On the Pentagon's color-cod-

ed maps of central Mogadishu, nearly every important road appears in red. The map key defines red as meaning, "High Threat (Multiple Atracks)."

Lieutenant General Michael Sheehan of the Marines, the director of operations on the Joint Staff, said that the four M-IAI tanks to be airlifted to Mogadishu would be equipped with bull-dozer blades to open the road. Their thick armor, he said, is

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"almost impervious to anything" that General Aidid's troops "can

Fourteen Bradley Fighting Vehicles, each of which carries eight infantry troops in its armored passenger bay, will carry thermal sights for night fighting and allow ground reinforcements to move through the city with more protection. But tanks and Bradleys are designed to fight from more than a mile away, and the close confines of Mogadishu's streets will not give

them that kind of running room. There are more ways to defeat these things than penetrating the front slope," said a senior tank officer, referring to the M-IAl's thickest armor. "A good old anti-tank mine can blow off a tread and you've got a mobility kill. And a rocket-propelled grenede will go through a Bradley. A senior Pentagon official de-

scribed the modest new forces -

In all, four UH-60 Black Hawks have been shot down and many others have been struck by fire. Pentagon planners say they are still unsure how the craft were downed — among the possibilities are heavy machine gons, 23mm anti-aircraft fire and rocket propelled grenades — but one said the Somalis "have discovered that the helicopters are

- as "enough force to cover a

away, or you have to leave com-

You either go in heavier right

Even if the new armor helps

take back control of the streets, it

is difficult to overestimate the

loss to UN forces of the free

movement of helicopters over

Somalia. From the first moments

of the intervention in December,

when four Marine AH-1 Cobras

hovered over the U.S. amphibi-

ous landing, helicopters have been the mission's most impor-

tant psychological and opera-

men with rifles, helicopters were

the most potent proof of U.S.

technological superiority. The

1,200-member "quick reaction force" of army soldiers, by far

the most potent combat force of

the roughly 24,000 UN troops still in Somalia, has relied exten-

sively on its helicopters for pa-trol, rapid reinforcement and fire

support. None of these functions

can be performed effectively

from above the range of ground

In a street confrontation of

withdrawal."

nonal tool.

valnerable. "When a Black Hawk is going 100 knots at treetop level it's pretty hard to hit," said one officer. But when it stops to hover so that Rangers can slide down ropes to the ground, "it's not hard to hit."

For that reason, the favored Ranger tactic in which elite troops quickly slide down from helicopters to try to grab General Aidid or his aides, is almost sure only 18 vehicles to subdue a city to be abandoned.

U.S. to Prepare for Its Own Nuclear Tests CHINA:

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - Despite its effort to maintain a worldwide moratorium on nuclear testing, the United States began preparations next spring after expressing deep regret at China's atomic weapons

Although no firm decision was made by the White House to resume testing, President Bill Clinton ordered the Department of Energy to "take such actions as are necessary" to do so, the White House said after the Chinese test.

The department said prepara-tions would consist of studies to ensure that a new underground blast at its Nevada test site was safe and properly contained, as well as preparation of instruments that preparation of instruments that and a policy with the Americans, measure the blast and, eventually, and that is under way," he said.

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nuclear inspections and appears to

have toughened its stand against

Japan, South Korea and other

non-Communist countries in Asia

fear the stonewalling by Pyong-

yang is designed to gain more time

checks on suspect atomic sites.

the assembly of an atomic device.
A final U.S. decision on testing will be based on several factors, the White House said, including the need to maintain a safe and reliable nuclear force. China's further response to appeals for a moratorium, progress toward negotiating a global test ban and approval by

The United States deeply regrets this action," the White House statement said of the Chinese explosion, "We urge China to refrain ers." from further nuclear tests and to join the other nuclear powers in a global moratorium."

In London, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said the United States and Britain had begun consultations on what course to take. "We will need now to concert a line

the Japanese daily Mainichi Shim-bun that the North had enough

nuclear material to make up to

three bombs, "though its efforts so

Asian diplomats said Tuesday

that the United States, Japan and a

number of other powerful countries had held back from seeking

far have resulted in failure."

Russia, meanwhile, expressed re-gret over the test and said China's action "can only have a negative influence on the atmosphere of negotiations on a total ban on nuclear tests, or on preparations for the conference on extending the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The Foreign Ministry in Moscow said President Boris N. Yeltsin would "make a decision taking into account several factors, including the reaction of other nuclear pow

Japan which is not a nuclear power, said the test was "deeply regrettable" and "goes against the growing international momentum toward a comprehensive test ban

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman had no comment. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher had previously sig-

"The U.S. and its allies are un-

likely to be patient much longer even if the end result is that China

has to veto any sanctions by the

UN Security Council against North Korea," a diplomat said.

more time to work.

naled that a bomb test by China would not be linked directly to other bilateral issues.

"parallel negotiation" to conclude a treaty in which the nuclear pow-"I don't mean to make light at all ers would pledge not to be the first of the Chinese test," Mr. Christo-pher said Tuesday. "But at the to use nuclear weapons and would also promise neither to use nor same time. I don't want it to interthreaten to use the weapons against fere with our broader goal of a comprehensive test ban." unwillingness to heed international

Other nuclear powers, including France, Britain and Russia, had in effect agreed to a moratorium on nuclear testing while talks contin-ued on a global testing ban.

All five acknowledged nuclear-weapons states, including China, have directed the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament to begin negotiations on a global ban in January, the White House said. China has made a commitment to the United States to seek to complete talks on a global ban by 1996.

there will be less readiness by the

international community to take its

Representatives from South and

North Korea met at their fortified

frontier Tuesday but failed to make

concerns into account

These analysts believe the Chinese leaders under Mr. Deng are taking tough and uncompromising positions, especially on issues that ASIA: Test Blast Undercuts Effort to Curb North Korea's Nuclear Program affect national sovereignty, to dem-onstrate their qualifications to succeed Mr. Deng and to avoid criticism after his death. president, said in an interview with give Chinese diplomatic pressure lysts said, as result of China's decision to resume nuclear testing,

In recent weeks, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and the U.S. ambassador in Beijing, J. Stapleton Roy, had pressed Chinese officials to defer the test after reconnaissance satellites detected preparations under way at the Lop number of other powerful countries had held back from seeking Kim Young Sam, South Korea's United Nations sanctions, partly to in such a position. However, anament of nuclear weapons. Nor test site in Xinjiang Province. But as recently as last week in

New York, the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, in conversa-tions with Mr. Christopher, was unwilling to say whether the test would go ahead .

Western officials say that the commanders of the People's Liber-ation Army are the most influential voices on the need for testing to improve the reliability of China's nuclear arsenal.

the moratorium appears designed military service between them, "but to maintain maneuvering room for nothing prepares you for someits military and political leaders.

Family Learned of Pilot's Capture As Videotape Was Being Broadcast The tape showed the soldier be-

The Associated Press

BERLIN, New Hampshire ---Leon Durant learned that his son, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot, had been captured by Somali militants when a Pentagon official called and told him to turn on his television. CNN broadcast a videotape on

Monday, reportedly taken by a Somali cameraman, of the pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant. He was speaking hesitantly as he sat propped against a wall, his face bearing what appeared to be fresh

There isn't a lot to say, except that we know he's alive," the pilot's father said. "He could move his hands and feet. He looks scared. He has a black eye and some cuts. We could see dirt on his face."

thing like this," the father said.

ing questioned by someone offcamera. He was wearing a brown T-shirt. His bare feet stuck out from under a black blanket. "I'm a soldier, I have to do what

I'm told." Michael Durant said when asked what he thought of the military operation. Asked whether he agreed with the killing of innocent people, the pilot replied, "In-nocent people being killed is not The army told the Durants early

Monday that their son's helicopter had gone down in Somalia, but that there was no other information. About 10 minutes before the broadcast, Leon Durant said, a Pentagon official called again and told him and his wife, Louise, that a

pilot from a unit based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He joined the army in 1979. The elder Durant, a sergeant in the National Guard, said he and his wife were going to Clarksville, Tennessee, to be with Michael's wife, Laurie, and yearold son, Joey.

Michael Durant's uncle, David Durant, learned of his nephew's capture when he "put the TV on, and there he was." He described his nephew as an "all-around good kid," who liked to hunt and fish. He said Michael's sister, Mary Ellen, was due to get married Satur-

Michael's cousin, Nancy Davidson, said the family had confidence in his skills as a soldier.

sourceful, intelligent man," she said. "He is very good at what he

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BOOKS

FEATHER CROWNS

By Bobbie Ann Mason. 454 pages. \$23. HarperCollins. Reviewed by

Michiko Kakutani

I N books like "Shiloh and Other Stories" (1982), "In Country" (1985) and "Love Life" (1989), Bobbie Ann Mason delineated a New South reeling from the dislo-

cations of contemporary life. Families have fragmented, and family farms have been sold; people move listlessly from one relationship to another, vaguely nostalgic for the old certainties that no longer exist. They spend their free time sitting in front of the television, or aimlessly hamnting the malls and fast-food franchises that now dot the land-

scape of western Kentucky.

What critics who dubbed these earlier books "Kmart realism" missed was Mason's radar-sharp knowledge of her characters' inner lives, her interest in the longings for emotional connection that underlie these people's incessant references to movies, talk shows and rock 'n' roll. Indeed, Mason's latest novel, "Feather Crowns," decisively proves that her writing is not rooted in the effluvia of contemporary culture, that her real concern is with the timeless issues of the heart, the ambivalent yearnings people harbor for security and freedom,

The New York Times
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safety and independence.

"Feather Crowns" is set in Hopewell, Kentucky, at the turn of the century. The after-effects of the Crv-il War can still be felt in parts of the South, and anxieties about the arrival of the 20th century have created an eager audience for the fire-andbrimstone prophecies of itinerant preachers. Life is hard in Hopewell: Families can barely eke out a living from their tobacco crops.

Here in Hopewell in 1900, all the familial stability and rootedness that Mason's latter-day characters so blatantly lack are a given part of daily life. In fact, after Christie, Wilburn matries James Wheeler and comes, with their three young children, to live with his relatives in Hopewell, she is nearly overwhelmed by the suffocating intimacy of life among his clan.

Christie is surrounded not only by her children, but also by James's extended family: his boorish Uncle Wad, to whom they owe the dannt-ing sum of \$1,000; his domineering Aunt Alma and Aunt Alma's philandering husband, Tom.

Christie thinks of herself as a supremely ordinary woman, undistinguished in any way, but in the winter of 1900, something extraor-dinary happens that will change her life forever: She gives birth to quin-Suddenly, the Wheelers are ce-

lebrities, friends, neighbors and complete strangers start arriving on their doorstep to gawk at the mirac-

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ulous infants. Uncle Wad begins to charge people admission to look at the babies, and before Christie knows it, supercilious strangers are standing in her living room, remarking on her furniture, her housekeeping and her children. The birth of the babies alters

Christie's relationship with her family; and their subsequent deaths insure her alienation from her past. Angry that Uncle Wad tried to capitalize on her babies fame,

Christie vows to try to escape the Wheeler family circle. When an eatrepreneur offers her \$100 a week to tour the country with her dead babies — grotesquely preserved by an undertaker, and housed in a glass case - she all too readily agrees. Christie's story is loaded with the potential for sentimentality, and in the hands of a lesser writer, it could

easily have devolved into a kind of

parody of the television program "The Waltons": old-timey men in

dungarees and women in calico dresses, speaking quaintly about the weather and crops and babies. As handled by Mason, however, Christie's story possesses both gravity and grace; it has the power to move us with its simple, heartfelt depiction of ordinary, inarticulate people and their efforts to cope with the unexpected.

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ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS

A Close Vote Is Expected In Pakistan

By Edward A. Gargan

New York Times Service
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — After a year of tumultuous political maneuvering, power plays and con-stitutional crisis, all of which have staggered the country's fragile economy, Pakistanis will vote on a Wednesday in what are likely to be the first free and fair national elec-

tions in more than two decades. Two former prime ministers, Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Bhutto, have thundered across this country for weeks, rousing the passions of voters in an effort to regain the office both lost after tenures marked by charges of incompetence and corruption.

Although public-opinion polls are both rare and suspect in Paki-

stan, those that have been conducted in the last week or so have suggested that Miss Bhutto and Mr. Sharif are in a dead hear Increasingly, political analysts have said that the likely outcome of

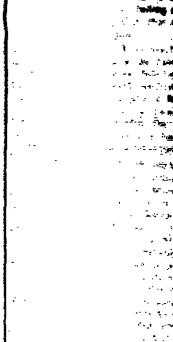
the election will be a hung parlia-ment, in which neither Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party nor Mr. Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League will command a majority. leading to further political uncer-

Since July, when Mr. Sharif was forced to resign in a complex political agreement brokered by army leaders, Pakistan has been gov-erned by a former World Bank vice president, Moeen Qureshi, who has startled this cynical and suffering country with the swiftness and decisiveness of a political and economic reform program.

Both Miss Bhutto, who is narrowly favored to win more seats in the National Assembly, and Mr. Sharif have criticized Mr. Qureshi's policies, and Miss Bhutto has said she would rescind many of them

Unlike most elections in the past. this time the army has agreed to supervise the balloting to ensure its V fairness. About 150,000 troops have fanned out across the country to oversee tens of thousands of polling booths. In addition, more than 100 observers from 40 coun-4 2 tries have arrived to monitor the





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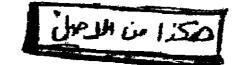
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Hassan's Mega-Mosque: Mixing Faith and Reform By Roger Cohen New York Times Service By Roger Cohen New York Times Service That is crucial to him at a time when he is constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the constantly looking over his shoulder at Algebanese prime minister. Western diplom said the Saudi authorities and leaders that the said authorities are the said authorities and leaders that the said

whisked off to visit a new seafront mosque that expresses what some see as the gargan-man self-obsession of King Hassan II, and the Moroccan ruler's wary attempts to trace a path of reform for the country he has ruled for three decades.

For some, the King Hassan II mosque is the work of a supreme megalomaniac. For others, it is a supreme expression of devotion to Allah. But however it is interpreted, the mosque was clearly designed so it cannot be ignored.

The mosque combines some high-tech razzmatazz with a monumental attempt to anchor King Hassan's rule in Islamic tradition. Its minaret, the highest in the world, rises nearly 200 meters (650 feet) and is topped with a green laser beam that points

Its setting on a promontory jutting into the Atlantic is dramatic. There are 22 hectares (54 acres) of traditional Moroccan marbles and mosaics, and a 1,100-ton roof that slides open to reveal the sky.
"A new beacon of Islam," reads the offi-

But the Islam of the Moroccan king, whose family claims descent from the prophet Mohammed, is of a particular kind, and officials lose no opportunity to underline

"The mosque is intended to present an image of a Muslim country that is open, that is tolerant, that is cosmopolitan, and that is modern," said Mohammed Abderrahim, the chief spokesman at the Information Ministry. "Fience its setting in an industrial city, Casablanca, and on the extreme western tip of the Arab world,"

Thus, at a time when Islamic fundamentalism is sweeping neighboring Algeria and has made some inroads in Morocco, the mosque carries a clear political statement. It has, in effect, provided an opportunity for King Hassan to underscore his official posi-tion as "Commander of the Faithful" —that is, as the country's spiritual leader on a path of religious moderation.

"At an estimated cost of close to \$1 billion, the king has reinforced his position as religious leader," a European diplomat said.

"That is crucial to him at a time when he is Lebanese prime minister. Western diplomate constantly looking over his shoulder at Alge- said the Saudi authorities and leaders of

between followers of the banned Islamic Salvation Front and the government. In Morocco, the leader of the largest fundamental-ist movement, Sheikh Abd Salam Yassin, is under house arrest. He claims a following of king had worked closely with him on the

The king's determination to oppose fundamentalist teaching was underscored by his decision to allow an Israeli prime minister to visit the mosque soon after its inauguration Aug. 30. Moreover, the fact that the king allowed a woman, Amina Mrili, who is a prominent Moroccan poet, to recite verses at tradition of Islam." the inauguration ceremony was a shock to a conscrvative society and apparently a statement of reforming intent.

But the king's extensive ambitions for his mosque, designed by a French architect, Mi-chel Pinseau, and built over the last five project to shift the outlow of the city's years, have not pleased everybody. The inausewage system several kilometers down the guration ceremony, planned as an enormous event, was widely seen as a flop.

The only Arab leader to appear was the pure.

other conservative Gulf states, who have More than 1,200 people have been killed common cause with the Moroccan king in in Algeria since the beginning of last year as the country has collapsed into near civil war between followers of the according to the country has collapsed into the col the grandiosity of the mosque, whose proportions implicitly established it as a rival to

Mr. Pinseau said in an interview that the about 500,000 in this country of 26 million. project and that its size merely reflected the ominent role the Moroccan leader sees for his country in Islam.

Mr. Abderrahim denied that the mosque's inauguration had been a disappointment. "The ceremony was exactly as expected."

he said. "Simplicity and sobriety are in the

But "sober" is not the word that leaps to mind at the mosque, which rises from the drab industrial sprawl of Casablanca.

Work is continuing on the library, the coast to ensure that the waters that crash against the outer wall of the mosque are



HITTING THE BEACH — Israeli soldiers at a Gaza Strip settlement enjoying a day off Tuesday for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

Palestinian Village Won't Dwell on Past

By David Hoffman

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Washington Post Service BEITA, West Bank — In the center of this remote village, the scent of fresh-baked bread rises from clay ovens. Roosters strut hooves of donkeys. Schoolchildren

It seems a perfect Palestinian rushadows, men crammed into taxis returning from their day's labor. But Beita is a village of scars -

worlds turned upside down. After a violent clash with Jewish settlers in 1988, Beita was transformed into a hotbed of the Palestinian uprising, or intifada. Eight youths have been killed in confrontations with the Israeli Army since then; the last death was only four months ago. Now, after the accord

between Israel and the Palestine

Liberation Organization, Beita is a

village waiting for deliverance. In recent interviews, the villagers seemed to be looking forward to the creation of a Palestinian government, rather than back toward the years of the uprising. One view remains constant: All said that they wanted Israeli troops to leave

Most said they would like as little it. You know, the young men used to come to buy a pack of cigarettes.

Yet many conversations here did not dwell on the past, but on the desire for a quieter, more prosperous life. A visitor to Berta found only fading remnants of the fiery graffit that characterized the inti-fada.

After nearly six years of the intiearth in the valley, boxy concrete savor their first real political inde-houses clinging to the hillside, pendence from Israel. But when the women in black shuttling amid the villagers of Beita talked about the coming peace, they wondered whether the next chapter would meet their basic needs, such as an of lives lost, homes blown up, affordable can of powdered milk. Faleh Saleh Daoud pulled a can

of Nido dried milk off the shelf in his tiny Beita grocery store. Mr. Daoud, 43, is the father of the most recent Beita casualty: his son Moayad, 17, died in a clash with soldiers in May. Mr. Daoud said that a measure of success of the new Palestinian entity would be its

ability to deliver milk cheaply.
"The first thing is a Palestinian state," he said. "This can of milk costs only \$5 in Kuwait. But here, today, Palestinians have to pay the full price, \$20. I think the Palestinian government will subsidize the basic commodities - bread, milk and oil. This is what a government

is for. and that they remained suspicious of Jewish settlements and settlers. "There is no money in the hands of the people," he said. "I can feel

Now, the young man comes to buy one cigarette! I have debts to all the big suppliers. And most of the people who come here are on credit.

"When people sit and talk about it, the first thing they say is, 'We have no alternative,' " he said of the plan for limited Palestinian against it, because they want Pales-tine to be the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. And others say, just wait for the Islamic power to liberate us. But I think that will take 300 years, so I'm not going to

wait for it."

Tayser Daoud, a social worker, lives in a sparsely furnished room of bare concrete walls and a bookshelf. He, too, felt the pain of the uprising: his brother-in-law was killed in the 1988 clash in Beita between Jewish settlers and villagers. His wife was jailed on charges of hitting a settler with a rock, and she had a miscarriage in prison. His

house was destroyed by the army.
"I'm not against a Palestinian state in any part of Palestine," he said. "But the question is, Where will we work? What kind of natural resources are there to support a state? In the short run, there will be investment and we may prosper. But when the festival is finished, what is the future? Our standard of living will drop drastically when

the festival is over, if we don't establish a self-reliant economy.

"A lot of the village is optimistic,

but the outcome depends on our standard of living. If it improves, people will support the peace, but if it continues as it is now, they will continue to oppose it. The standard of living is very low."

fulfilled, everything will be O.K."

house, Fathi Khadar, 24, a university student, surveyed the rubble that was once his family home. Israeli troops dynamited the house in frontation with the settlers. The Jewish group said. "But it's a slap, family now lives in the remaining and the timing of the slap is crazy." few rooms and an old canvas tent.

"I don't see a lot of change yet, but change will happen with the establishment of a state," Mr. Khadar said. "A state means roads, railways and things like health insurance. They are talking about \$11 billion for the good life for Pales-

"It's the start of the end of occupation," he said, "and we've had many of them - the Ottoman, the British, the Jordanian, the Israeli. The accumulation of these things makes us suspicious. We never had our destiny in our own hands. We've lacked liberty through history, and now we are going to take it, and so construction has continued and it is something very new."

U.S. Cuts Israel Loan Guarantees By 20%

New York Times Service JERUSALEM -- The Clinton administration has slashed by more than 20 percent the value of loan guarantees that it will give Israel in 1994 because of Israel's continued settlement activity in the occupied territories and its disputed construction in East Jerusalem, officials here said Tuesday.

The decision means that instead of receiving American guarantees on \$2 billion worth of projected borrowing over the next year. Israel will have to settle for those assurances on less than \$1.6 billion.

In all, officials say, the adminis tration has recommended to Congress that \$437 million be sliced from the program, a dollar-for-dollar penalty against Israel because of its spending on settlements in the territories.

The size of the reduction was greater than some Israeli officials had anticipated, and it raised a question of whether they might challenge it, either in Congress or by asking President Bill Clinton to reconsider the matter. Some saw it as a political blow to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, even though the economic consequences for Israel may not be severe.

The big chunk taken out of the total for the 1994 U.S. fiscal year, "The most important thing is which began Friday, was seen by work," he said. "If the work force is some as a political blow. The fact that it was made by an administra-Up a path from Mr. Daoud's tion regarded as one of the friendliest that Israel has seen in many

"Technically, it's a fine on paper that may not even burt the Israe-1988 as punishment after the con-lis," an official of an American By that he meant that it comes at a moment when many Israelis feel they are taking considerable risks by agreeing to Palestinian self-rule in the territories.

But Israeli government spokes-men insisted that they were not caught off-guard by the adminis-tration action. It was based on spending figures that they themselves had provided.

On taking office last year, Mr. Rabin halted the projected construction of about 7,000 apartments in the territories. But he said that plans for another 11,000 or so units were too far along to undo, -CLYDE HABERMAN

MIDEAST: Nuts-and-Bolts Meeting for 2 Leaders

Continued from Page 1 already dropped his weapon when

the soldiers opened fire.

Given the ill will that has bubbled in the last week or so, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said Tuesday that it was important that the two leaders get together, without intermediaries, "so that there will be no illusions or misunderstandings that could lead to new

In preparation, Mr. Rabin met Tuesday with Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli Arab who is an adviser to Mr. Arafat. At the same time, Israeli opposition leaders denounced the journey to Cairo, accusing Mr. Rabin of getting ready to shake hands again with a man some of them attacked as a war criminal.

"We have already promised everything and received nothing." Ariel Sharon, a Likud Party elder said, adding: There is not even one day of peace but instead a worsening of terrorism. It was not clear who had asked

for the Cairo meeting. PLO officials in Tunis said that it was Mr. Rabin and that he had asked President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to arrange it. But a senior Israeli official said the session had already been talked about as a logical next step when the prime minister met with Mr. Mubarak two and a half

with Mr. Mubarak two and a half weeks ago in Alexandria, Egypt.

"The main point on the agenda is to agree on terms like the levels of the working teams," the official said. "Let's not forget that since the signing, nothing has happened. You need this. We have to treat this as a working meeting of two parties to the negotiations. Various immediate demands

the PLO's for an Israeli release of Islamic extremists in Cairo two Palestinian prisoners and Israel's for tighter Palestinian controls on extremist violence - also seemed

But no attempt to portray the Cairo gathering as somehow the diplomatic equivalent of a labormanagement bargaining session could negate its seminal nature. No one who remembers Mr. Rabin's discomfort as he stood near Mr. Arafat on the White House lawn could dismiss this as merely another meeting. Sworn enemies for decades will be closeted together, possibly for hours, and no one can safely guess the results.

As an added symbolic fillip, the get-together comes on two important anniversaries: the surprise Egyptian and Syrian attack on Israel that started the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, and the assassination of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt by 19 years.

years after he signed a peace treaty with the Israelis.

■ Climon-Assad Meeting

A meeting between President
Bill Clinton and President Hafez Assad of Syria would help the Middle East peace process, Faronk Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, said Tuesday, Reuters reported

from Washington.

"I would welcome the opportunity when President Clinton and President Assad can meet," Mr. Shara said. "I think such a meeting. if it takes place, would help very much in the peace process." Mr. Shara was in Washington for talks with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, the first Washington meeting between such high-level diplomats of the two countries in

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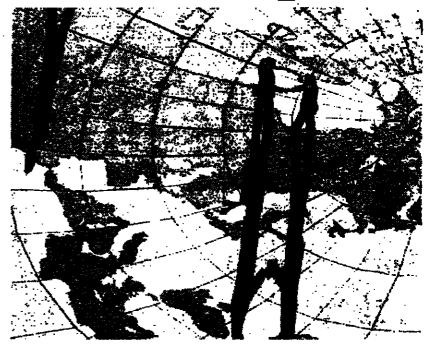
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Asia Is Coming Up Fast

gloom about their prospects for economic growth, Asia - except for Japan - is booming. In the United States the economy is expanding just fast enough to move unemployment very slowly downward. Western Europe and Japan are dramatically worse off, sunk in recession. But the poor countries of Asia are getting less poor very rapidly.

The phenomenal performance of the Chinese and the astonishing rise of incomes there are unique. But other Asian economies are moving at a speed that is only comparatively less remarkable. The city-states of Singapore and Hong Kong now rank among the developed societies by any definition. South Korea is as rich, per person, as some European countries - Greece, for example, or Portugal - and is moving up much faster. Farther south, Malaysia and, especially, Thailand are growing strongly. Incomes in Indonesia, which is huge and tropical, have risen faster in the past decade than incomes in Japan. Even in India, with its enormous internal tensions, the economy in that same decade has been growing at a rate twice as high as the U.S. economy.

This kind of progress among the poor is

is growing slowly, and, per capita, many of those countries are sliding backward. In Latin America, as always, the gains are sometimes spectacular but in general uneven. The really rapid growth is concentrated along the Asian side of the Pacific rim.

The magic is the same that Japan began to apply long ago — a high savings rate that produces the capital to invest in machinery, technology and education, combined with an emphasis on exports, which creates fierce compensive pressures to perform to world standards. Very rapid growth can create explosive social strains, but, for reasons that lie beyond the power of economists to explain, Asian societies have seemed more capable than others of accommodating them.

If these countries can continue on their present track without breakdown or political ipheaval (the danger seems especially great in China), within a generation East Asia will have been transformed. As Americans look eastward, they will see cultures as different as ever from their own but economies and standards of living that are rapidly converging.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Forward Into Democracy

Tolerance Is Required

The world exhaled in relief when Boris Yeltsin's hard-line opponents ended a 13-day standoff and, hands over heads, shuffled down the steps of Russia's parliament building to surrender. Yet President Yeltsin's dramatic victory is merely a prelude to a more complex task: to fashion a genuinely democratic coalition that includes not only his reformist allies but his nonviolent critics, who question the course he is charring. Only then can he permanently outflank the unrepentant Communists and nationalists who may again try to bring him down. Only then can he give real meaning to December's parliamentary elections. Only then can he free himself from the army that sprang to his rescue. Only then can he shore up the fragile foundations of democratic order and justify the resolute support he

has received from Washington and the world. The parliamentary plot jumped right out of the Communist textbook on revolution. For two weeks the lawmakers who seized the White House, seat of Russia's parliament, did their best to provoke Mr. Yeltsin into violent reaction. When that failed they recklessly resorted to mayhem, forcing his hand.

He showed commendable restraint. Key commanders carried out his orders without excessive force. The price of their obedience, however, is unknown. So are the bounds of their loyalty. Nor is it clear whether the presi-dent can keep the military from meddling in neighboring republics.
The chief conspirators, Mr. Yeltsin's one-

An Immense Struggle

There could have been no more dramatic demonstration of the cliff's-edge intensity of Boris Yeltsin's effort to remake Russia than the weekend war in the heart of Moscow. In full view of CNN's faithful cameras, one could see the forces of reform and democracy locked in symbolic but real and bloody combat with old-line Communist "reds," fascistminded, nationalistic, anti-Semitic "browns" and other bitter-enders. Their struggle made it easy to understand how difficult President Yeltsin's path has been — and remains.

He won. Or he won this major but not last round of an immense struggle to bring Russia from one historical era to another. It was not simply that he took the enormous risks of bringing tanks into the streets. The military and security services stayed neutral or loyal. The politicians who opposed him could muster only a few thousand active supporters. Only token protests were reported elsewhere in the country and among people hit especially hard by the unraveling of daily life.

The national leaders of the resistance are now detained, the regional leaders presumably off balance. The prevailing impression locates the popular mood somewhere between fatigue and pro-Yeltsin support. The support

time running mate, Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, and the speaker of the parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, are now in custody. They and their henchmen can now reasonably expect to face not the firing squad but the full force of law. Yet Moscow's calm is surely deceptive. The provinces remain restive and unpredictable. And the world outside anxionsly awaits evidence that Mr. Yeltsin can be as effective at the arduous task of winning new converts for democratic reform as he was in suppressing its reactionary enemies.

Not all his opponents are bent on violence or on restoring the old order. It is to the nonviolent dissenters that he must now turn, assuring them of full access to the press and to state television in advance of parliamentary elections scheduled for Dec. 11. The purpose of these elections is to lay to rest the old parliament, a Soviet relic, and create a new legislature that will adopt a new constitution legitimated by public consent and clarifying executive and egislative powers. That purpose may be better served by allowing outlawed parties to compete

and banned newspapers to publish.

But for all that to happen, tolerance in good measure and on all sides will be required. It will be required of Mr. Yeltsin's critics, who must surely have divined in the bloody events of the past two weeks the price of intolerance. It will also be required of Mr. Yeltsin, who is surely clever enough not to confuse his triumph over the reactionaries with a popular mandate. Either the opponents learn to live with each other, or democracy will die.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

is sufficient, his anxious friends in Washington earnestly hope, to speed his return to reform. Early presidential as well as parliamentary elections and a sharper economic

focus could raise the confidence level. Mr. Yeltsin's decisiveness permits the Clinton team to conclude that it gambled well in throwing early, full support to his challenge of hard-liners ensconced in a Communist-era parliament. Washington approved not only his opening dissolution of parliament. When his initiative produced an unexpected mutiny, it also approved his final show of force.

Yet the United States cannot convey that henceforth anything goes. There was a hint of anxiety on Monday in the emphasis that officials put not just on reform and democracy but on "reconciliation."

No democratic leader can fail to deal severely with what Mr. Yeltsin fairly termed an "armed insurrection." But not nearly all of the opposition to the sometimes erratic Russian comes from "reds" and "browns."

He must keep Moscow moving toward openness. There must be limits on any price he may consider paying for the security forces' support. Washington is determined not to tutor Mr. Yeltsin, but surely it has earned the right to make this point in Moscow. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Yeltsin's Poisoned Victory

Ruslan Khasbulatov and Alexander Rutskoi sought conflict, even battle; but the dead lie at Boris Yeltsin's feet. So great are their numbers that they could become a symbol hanging over his political future.

Mr. Yeltsin must show that the foreigners who have swarmed into his land in response to reform policies are not pursuing purely selfish motives; yet he has little opportunity of impressing the Russian people with an improve-ment of their living standard. The "Yugoslavization" of parts of the former Soviet Union will absorb resources that otherwise could have been used for the solution of social problems.

Will Mr. Yelisin's victory hurt him more than it helps? Let us not forget: He had no alternative but to act as he did. The forces opposing reform, he has learned, are stronger

than had been thought. He can no longer think of holding free elections in December. To do so would hardly be honest after his banning of extremist parties and newspapers.

Elected democratically two years ago, Mr. Yeltsin must now accept the odium of continuing to rule, but as a dictator, until such time as Russia - paradox enough - has irrevocably turned its back on dictatorship. The Western democracies have a new op-

portunity here to draw the distinction beween "acceptable" and abhorrent dictatorships. And yet the West, too, has no alternative: It must support Mr. Yeltsin, and not only with words.

But it must take care not to appear to meddle. Few in Russia are seeking foreign counsel; for now it would be counterproductive.

Josef Riedmiller, writing in Suddeutsche Zeitung (Munich).



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May This Be the Last Gasp of Russia's Communists

C AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Now begins the arduous task of reconciling the Russian nation and building a democratic state on the rubble of communism. The prospects for success look better than at any time since the abdication of Czar Nicholas II in March 1917.

Unless President Boris Yeltsin repeats previous mistakes and seeks compromises with his defeated enemies, who interpret readiness to compromise as weakness, we are unlikely ever again to see a resurgence of a militant anti-democratic opposition.

The recent events are probably the last outbreak of violent counterrevolution in Russia. The weekend riots in Moscow were much bloodier than the unsuccessful putsch of August 1991, but no less desperate and futile. A small minority of die-hard Communists. out of touch with reality, inspired by a vision of a revived Soviet empire and by the desire to regain their privileges, tried again and failed again to rally the masses behind them. This time they were much better organized.

Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, who fancies himself a modern-day Lenin, tried to reenact October 1917. His tactics emulate those of Trotsky in the original Bolshevik coup d'état: Disguise the anti-democratic of-fensive as a defense of democracy, negotiate while seizing power, and strike at the nerve centers of the state, which today include tele-

vision broadcasting stations.

But October 1993 is not October 1917, and we can only marvel at the ability of the selfstyled parliamentarians to delude themselves.

One problem with Russia's political vocab-ulary — such as "parliament" and "constitu-tion" — is that it parrots Western words that bear little relationship to reality. The selfstyled parliament, actually the Supreme Soviet, is an offshoot of a body elected under President Mikhail Gorbachev, when there was a Soviet Union and a Communist Party to rule it. Neither exists today, and the membership of the Supreme Soviet, composed overwhelmingly of Communists, represents a state that has passed into history.

The constitution is a document from the

1970s. Amended more than 300 times, it has only historical significance.

It is absurd to talk of a coup d'état by President Yeltsin because the concept presumes an "état," a state — a generally accept-ed and functioning system of government. Russia has not had such a system since autumn 1991, when the party was outlawed and the Soviet Union disintegrated into its constituent republics.

The state has to be created anew, and this can be accomplished only by elections, which require the dissolution of the unrepresentative Supreme Soviet and its parent body, the

Congress of People's Deputies.

The inhabitants of Moscow recognize this situation. An opinion poll conducted in Moscow two days after Mr. Yeltsin dissolved the parliament showed that 62 percent supported the measure while 12 percent opposed it; only 6 percent acknowledged Mr. Rutskoi's claim to the presidency.

If we are to judge by referendums and opinion polls, at most one-tenth of Russia's population subscribes to the ideology of Mr. Yeltsin's opponents.

An exhaustive survey conducted in 1989 and updated in 1992 under the direction of the sociologist Yuri Levada showed that a mere 4.9 percent of the people yearned for

By Richard Pipes

their country's lost superpower status — and only 4.1 percent believed that the country was

surrounded by external enemies.

The majority want, above all, democracy. better living conditions and civil rights. Nearly 45 percent believe that Russia's misfortunes are caused not by external enemies but by its own faults.

These statistics indicate that a major change has occurred in the Russian psyche. In 1917, the masses could be railied behind utopian visionaries of various ideological persuasions because they thought it possible to attain a perfect society and believed that Russia would show the way. Today Russians no longer believe that politics, least of all violent politics, can solve

numan problems, or that Russia leads the world in anything except crime and the consumption of alcohol. They have become thoroughly depoliti-

cized. For this reason, the slogans with

which the parliamentary opposition tried to arouse the masses fell on deaf ears. In Moscow, the dichards succeeded in assembling mobs of a few thousand embittered Communists and anti-Semites. In oth-

er cities, including St. Petersburg, they met with no response.

The failure of the anti-democratic forces

ity and the armed forces' loyalty. The president combines courage and pug-nacity with a tendency to fall into apathy after winning a fight. Desperately auxious to avoid dividing Russia into warring camps, he retreats when he should be advancing to consummate his victory.

was a foregone conclusion — except for two unpredictable factors: Mr. Yeltsin's personal-

This he did after the August 1991 putsch and again after the referendum of April 1993. in which his proposals for new presidential and parliamentary elections and for economic reforms were solidly supported. This time, fortunately, he decided to act resolutely by meeting force with force.

Although the armed forces declared loyalty to Mr. Yeltsin, there was no assurance that they would obey orders to fire at civilians. The sympathies of most generals, almost to a man former members of the party, lie with Mr. Yeltsin's opponents, who promise to restore Russia's empire and return to the army its privileged status.

Some fraternization between the internal security forces and the rioters on Sunday gave cause for concern. Nevertheless, in the end the officer corps proved true to Russia's military tradition of obeying legitimate authority, and routed the armed rebels.

This is not an unmitigated good because while Mr. Yeltsin's dependence on the mili-tary might have saved him, it may compel him

to conduct a more nationalistic foreign policy

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than he would if he were free of it. Mr. Yeltsin, one hopes, will continue to act firmly and adhere to his program of two-tiered elections: in December for the new parliament, in June for the presidency.

Judging by what we know of Russian opinion, the likelihood is that he will win a comfortable majority, perhaps as much as two-thirds of the deputies. An additional 10 percent may be expected to consist of members of the uncompromising nationalist and Communist opposition. The remaining 25 percent will probably represent the floating constituency of those who think of the past with nostalgia yet realize that it is gone beyond recall, and who are willing to promote democracy and privatization.

Western statesmen have acquitted themselves splendidly in this crisis - much better than in August 1991, when, uncertain how definitive the collapse of communism was, some held back support from Mr. Yeltsin. In coming months. Western governments

should continue to extend unstinting support - moral, diplomatic and economic - to those who have just brought Russia back from the brink of disaster.

The writer, professor of history at Harvard, is author of "The Russian Revolution," a broad survey of events leading up to 1917. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Give Russians Time to Work Out Their Course

N EW YORK — The day Boris Yeltsin climbed up on that tank a couple of years ago, the West cheered for joy, and made a great human and political error. It is embarrassing to think about now, it was so intellectually and politically callous,

For all their lives, the people imprisoned under Soviet com-

We seem astounded that Russia cannot manage its difficult transition in the blink of an eye.

munism never read a free newspaper, voted in a free election, made a single free speech, or heard one. They lived in a state whose captives knew that it was dangerous even to think.

Some did talk, and wrote on scraps of paper, and went to unspeakable prisons for it. And try though they did with gun and law, the Communists could not quite beat the thinking out of the heads of all the people.

They thought so much that when Mikhail Gorbachev tried to save the system by opening it to light, the whole structure

By A. M. Rosenthal

draft of air. Climbing onto that tank, Mr. Yeltsin brought an end to the still mysterious "coup" by the very men Mr. Gorbachev had picked to surround him. Moving fast, he fired first the Soviet Union and then Mr. Gorbachev. At that point, the West began

looking at its watch, clicking its tongue and instructing Mr. Yeltsin and his aides to get on with it: Establish a democratic system double-quick. The error was to forget that the

people were still paying the price for communism, paying every day by having to live in its rubble and amidst its garbage heaps.

The rubble was the "economy'

left by the Communists - useless factories, stockpiles of goods nobody wanted, food rotting in fields, local administrations that had never made a decision by themselves, never even con-ceived of it.

The garbage was armies of bureaucrats, Communist Party hacks and KGB officers burning for a return of the Soviet dictatorship but meanwhile grabbing up government assets for themselves. And then there was the usual box of assorted nuts — right-wing thugs, with and with-

began to crumble, an ancient out black shirts. As always, tomb falling to dust at the lirst fanatic left and right became

natural allies. Mr. Yeltsin went to the polls and became Russia's first elected president. But we in the West kept the clock on him, telling him to move ever faster toward a total market economy.

Give me a 10 cent wage to buy a \$10 hamburger and I will have some market economy doubts myself. A country's freedom is the outside world's business; the exact pace of its move toward complete removal of price controls or job guarantees is not.

Some of my friends who spent years in Communist jails will never fully trust a man who climbed the Kremlin ladder. I doubt I will either.

But we do not have to become Mr. Yeltsin's sycophants (as some Western specialists of the Soviet Union still are of Mikhail Gorbachev). All we have to do is look at him square, and see what his role in Russian history is likely to be, if the fascists and Comunists do not kill him first.

Years will be needed, maybe decades, to shovel away all the rubble and garbage of communism. We forgot, when we cheered Mr. Yeltsin on the tank, that Germany and Japan, the fascist counterparts of the Soviet

dictatorship, had decades of transition time to build a new society - plus huge amounts of Western aid.

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The transition time allotted to Russia by history is the blink of an eye. We seem astounded that it is not quite enough. But without years to spend,

Mr. Yeltsin is trying at least to clear some ground to build a democratic structure. He wants elections for a democratic parliament to replace the

present parliament. It was elected under a Communist-era constitution patched up by later amendments. That constitution is suddenly dear to a clutch of Westerners, particularly those who never forgave Mr. Yeltsin for replacing Mr. Gorbachev. Funny, I feel not a throb of political sorrow for the dissolved

parliament, probably because it had so many fascists, Stalinists and Holy Russia crusaders. Those types do dilute my Jeffersonian instincts. We all have our little quirks.

Mr. Yeltsin is not the world's

greatest administrator. From a new and free parliament and administration can come his more efficient replacement one day. But if he keeps the democratic faith, he will ever after have a title all his own — the man

who gave Russia time. The New York Times

This Rhetoric About Clashing Civilizations Can Only Hurt Asia

ONDON -- In the post-Cold War LONDON — In the protection of confusion, a variety of grand notions are floating about, all of them order"; now it is "the clash of civilizations," as popularized by Samuel Huntington ("Now Watch the Fault Lines Between Civilizations," IHT,

June 8). It is worrying to see Asian officials seizing on what otherwise might have been a harmless notion to explain how the rising Asian civiliza-tion can get tough with the fading Western world. The three-legged global market economy is one of the central features

the Clinton administration. His

work has become must reading in the upper reaches of the White

elsewhere in government since Bill Clinton became president. The good news is that Mr. Yan-

kelovich's analysis is insightful, well crafted and intellectually hon-

est. But there is also a downside risk

to attitude surveys becoming the

lodestar for policymakers: Even the most sophisticated analysis of opin-

ion cannot serve as a philosophical

base for policy.

Presidents and their aides identi-

fy their aspirations by the intellec-tual outsiders they adopt into their court. The Kennedys reached out to

Robert Frost. In a different vein,

the Reagans had Frank Sinatra. Mr. Yankelovich is likely to serve as

a significant intellectual standard-

opinion, with phased campaigns

In more sophisticated fashion

than I can do justice to here, Mr.

His ideas on influencing public

bearer of the Clinton years.

se, the State Department and

America remain vital for the exportabout the East Asian challenge. Some East Asians appear to have French politicians and European shrinking trade surpluses with the Community officials, have become United States. But in many cases production has merely been shifted into China and the trade diverted into Chinese exports to North America. East Asians say that trade within

their region is rising, but for many states, percentages of trade with En-rope are increasing even faster. Access to markets in North America and Europe may be jeopardized if of the international system to survive people begin to believe the rhetoric the Cold War. Asians cannot afford to damage it. Markets in North cans need little persuasion to worry

quick to complain about East Asian trading practices. Asians worry about

By Gerald Segal

what they see as the "Yellow Peril Syndrome" in Europe; but often their own rhetoric about Eurosclerosis only encourages the name-calling. Europe does have much to worry about. As a result it often neglects the

outside world. But for Asians to say there is a racial basis for their success and Europe's difficulties will hardly about a clash of civilizations, Americans need little persuasion to worry

Europe is at a delicate point. Both

protectionism and ethnocentrism China and Vietnam. Asians are threaten to get out of hand. While deeply divided by nationalism, al-British officials sing the praises of an ready the source of myriad conflicts. onomy, some French officials have been suggesting that "Anglo-Saxons" are joining with Asians to ruin European civilization. The GATT world trade accord and

risk. This is no way to run an international economy. Matters are worsened by Asians who play up divisions on human rights. The spectacle of East Asians leading an anti-Western campaign in June at the UN-sponsored human rights conference in Vienna only add-

general Western prosperity are at

ed fuel to the fire. No wonder some Europeans and Americans are becoming more vocif-erous in denouncing East Asian human rights violations as unfair trade practices. A level playing field in labor relations may become a more important feature in international trade negotiations.

It is one thing for East Asians to argue, as Singapore's Chan Heng Chee has done ("The Ethnic Queuing Looks Like New World Disorder," IHT, July 16), that there is a major challenge for the West in defining norms of international behavior (consider European and American policy on Bosnia). But it is another matter to suggest that Asian norms have some-thing in common that is not shared in Europe or North America.

For Asians to believe that they

constitute a single civilization is a dangerous delusion. Japan, for one, distanced itself from fellow Asians anti-democratic views at the UN human rights conference. The demo-cratizing peoples of Taiwan and South Korea also stand apart from the more authoritarian regimes in

grows more wary, and the potential for conflict develops.

Asians welcome the fact that for the first time in centuries there is a prospect of not having their regional relationships distorted by outsiders' great power politics.

To some extent the Asians' new

anti-Western rhetoric responds to Western exhortations that they express their policies more clearly. But it would be foolish for Asians to believe that they can prosper in an adversarial relationship with Europeans or North Americans. Nor would a U.S. military withdrawal be in the interests of many East Asians.

Agreeing on a new set of international norms may prove too difficult. But it is possible to identify many reasons for cooperation in economic and security relations. Nuclear and conventional weapons proliferation pose serious problems in Asia — they may receive more international atten-tion if Middle Eastern conflicts recede in intensity.

Do Asians want help in limiting the flow of weapons or in preventing the emergence of North Korea as a nuclear power? As Asians prosper. they may value assistance in meeting environmental challenges. Most important, Asians will not be able to sustain prosperity without an open market economy. No one can afford a clash of civilizations.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Her Majesty's Ram

MALTA — Her Majesty's mighty twin-screw torpedo ram Polypherms arrived last week from Suda Bay, flying a long white pennant that was about three times the length of the ship. This snaky streak of flowing snow meant that the Polyphemus was to pay off here, and her present crew go to England as soon as the relief crew arrives. The Polyphennus is distinctly unique and certainly a powerful vessel. She hasn't her mate in any navy. She is small and gray and speedy, all iron and steel

1918: British Advances

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES -Armies of British forge onward through the wilderness, reaching after the Hun with a long and steady arm. From the flats of Flanders, along the Aubers ridge — keeping a firm eye on Lille — beyond Lens. ing again on the new battlefield between Cambrai and Saint-Quentin, our troops hold their successes socurely and unchallenged, and still advance. Armentières and Lens have been regained for France.

1943: At Pearl Harbor

HONOLULU — [From our New York edition:] A Pacific war strategy conference has been held at Pacific Fleet headquarters here by the three top-ranking Navy commanders, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet announced togish; [Our 4] Fleet, announced tonight [Oct. 4]. The terse announcement disclosed that Admiral Earnest J. King, commander in chief of the United States Fleet, and Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the South Pacific area, have returned to their headquarters "after conferences at Pearl Harbor." The meeting undoubtedly firm eye on Lille — beyond Lens.
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designed to move support across seven different thresholds, are guiding the White House in its elaborate effort to sell the health care plan, the Clinton counselor David Gergen said recently. Yankelovich rules also helped shape the "Reinventing Government" project, which has been moved offstage while the health care debate gets full attention.

By Jim Hoagland

A Guide to 'Deliberative Democracy'

American and you feel (a) better about the Clinton health care Yankelovich has identified seven plan, (b) worse about Somalia, (c) confused about NAFTA or (d) all distinct stages in the formation of public opinion. He stresses the need of the above? If you pick (d), you mirror your times and Daniel Yanfor policymakers to raise awareness of a developing problem early. In stage two, leaders must impart a sense of urgency into a distracted national attention span. Leaders kelovich's assessment of American public opinion after the Cold War. Mr. Yankelovich is no mere analyst of opinion polls and national must then recognize and combat the resistance that develops as citi-zens sort out the conflicting ideas attitudes. He has become an important behind-the-scenes force shap-ing both action and reflection by

and demands that any serious proposal will raise. To do that, leaders must make constant but judicious use of trial balloons, "choicework" (in which an array of options is laid before the public) and other techniques.

The public moves on a journey from "raw opinion" (the unreliable "What do you like?" sentiment often captured in snapshot polling) to "full commitment," (a mature judg-ment that chooses among the trade-

offs that have to be made).
Mr. Yankelovich found that poll respondents overwhelmingly favored the idea of a North Am Free Trade Agreement in 1991 "be-fore they really had a chance to think about the subject" and before it had become the subject of a national debate. Now the most frequent response polisters hear is that people need more information — as con-

flicting assertions cascade on them.

"When the public has a real stake in the issue, such as military intervention in Bosnia or NAFTA ... the public insists on being in the loop," Mr. Yankelovich and John Immerwahr argued in a paper presented at this summer's American Assembly, a nonpartisan public policy forum associated with Cobeitway: Engaging the Public in U.S. Foreign Policy."

If the health care campaign is off to a good start and NAFTA is still up for grabs, Somalia has become a case study of what Mr. Yankelovich and Mr. Immerwahr call "the sad truth that the foreign policy community has little or no idea about engaging the public under new post-Cold War conditions."

"The gap between foreign policy leadership and the public - large under any circumstance — is par-ticularly difficult to bridge" now that the collapse of the Soviet threat has knocked down the framework with which all foreign policy initia-tives were evaluated. "Traditionally leadership has managed this gap by

limiting the influence of the public in the foreign policy arena." Officials get together in small groups, hammer out decisions and then set out to persuade the public to support a decision already made. This "top-down approach" means that "leaders present a simplified version of a lawyer's brief to the public, justifying their policy re-commendations in a one-way process of communication."

It sounds like what has happened to U.S. policy in Somalia, where the public has been told of the major decisions after the fact by the Bush and the Clinton administrations.

Without the Cold War to mobilize and channel instant opinion on foreign events, the top-down appreach is increasingly ineffective. Mr. Yankelovich recommends more attention to "deliberative democracy based on new principles of commu-nication and leadership."

The trick is to keep principle,

communication and leadership in balance and not to back away from hard choices abroad simply because they are unpopular or hard to explain. That is part of Mr. Yankelovich's message, too. At times, the administration suggests that it has not taken that part to heart. The Washington Post.



WASHINGTON — Big-time American football, for which the brittle human

body is unsuited. flourishes on campuses.

where it is inappropriate.

Now the college football industry claims

that the end of civilization as we have known

it is nigh. Why? Because shrinking budgets,

MEANWHILE

Joe Dean, athletic director at Louisiana

in our stadium on Saturdays."

OPINION

Communista Denmark in 1943 Speaks to All in 1993 Delamation League, discusses the control of th

BOSTON — In this century —
"this terrible century," Hannah Arendt called it — the world has experienced inhumanity on an unprecedented scale. Hitler and Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot knew no limits in the pursuit of doctrine or power. Against such monstrous savagery, what can individuals do?

Resistance must seem hopeless. But sometimes decency and courage find a voice, make a difference. It happened 50 years ago in Nazi-occupied Denmark in an episode commemorated there this past weekend. Warned that the Nazis were going to round up the country's Jews and ship them to Concentration camps and death, Danes got most of them to safety in

neutral, unoccupied Sweden.

The roundup was to start on the night of Oct. 1, 1943. During the week before, all but a few of the 7,800 Danish Jews were brought to They acted "simply in order to help

farmhouses and other shelters on the coast. From there fishermen took them to Sweden. The rescue of the Danish Jews

deserves a special place in the annals of humanitarian deeds," Victor F. Weisskopf, the emment physicist, said at the commemoration. "It was a shining example of an action for freedom and human rights, done at a time when human rights were trampled on at so many places on earth."

Mr. Weisskopf was brought from Hitler's Germany to Copenhagen in the early 1930s by Niels Bohr, the great Danish physicist. He married a Danish woman. This past weekend he spoke of his debt to Bohr, and to Denmark. "A collective effort of the Danish people" was what saved the Jews, he said.

of saying that Denmark was not the only "example of collective de-cency" under Nazi occupation. There were courageous actions for Jews in the Netherlands, France. Hungary, Bulgaria. And the Danish rescue was only possible because two Germans warned of the coming roundup. Georg Duckwitz, a German Embassy official, told the Danish underground. Helmuth James von Moltke, who was later executed by Hitler for anti-Nazi

activities, repeated the warning while on a visit to Denmark. So the Danish rescue was more than a testament to Denmark. It was "a collaboration of decent huwas a contatoration of decent nu-man beings beyond national bor-ders, dedicated to fight together against murderous persecution and destruction," Mr. Weisskopf said. "We have good reasons to celebrate this testimony that decency existed within the human community even during the worst of times."

people in distress, risking persecu-

tion by the occupying forces."

Hannah Arendt called the Dan-

ish story "sui generis." Elsewhere

in occupied Europe --- France is a

notorious example -- some local

authorities cooperated with the Nazis in rounding up Jews and

transporting them to death camps.

But Mr. Weisskopf made a point

Dimensions, a journal of Holo-caust studies published by the Anti-

Danish rescue in detail. It warns, correctly, that not many of us would meet the test of decency as Mr. Duckwitz and so many Danes did

age in the face of bestiality say to us today! It raises the question of where the voices of decency are among the world's leaders to con-

It takes no physical courage to speak out against the horror this time. Slobodan Milosevic, who aroused the Serbs to kill in the name of ethnic purity, does not occupy London or Paris or Washington. Many private individuals have spoken out against the tragedy, among them some Serbs. But the political leaders of the West

numble and do nothing.

I think a voice of moral authority might have made the difference. into redeeming his promises.

- which is why their courage de-What does this memory of cour-

demn the first calculated mass murder of a religious group in Europe since the Holocaust. I mean the Serbian terror against the Muslims of Bosnia.

Andrei Sakharov, if he had lived, would surely have spoken out against the genocide in Bosnia, the rape and murder of human beings because of their religion. His voice just might have roused John Major and George Bush out of their indifference, and shamed Bill Clinton into redeeming his propriets. By George F. Will

Turn Back the Campus Stadium's Clock

players), with minute divisions of labor, is explained in a new book, "Reading Football: How the Popular Press Created an American Spectacle," by Michael Oriard, formerly of the Kansas City Chiefs, currently of Oregon which often expand reasonableness, and laws requiring equity for women's athletics have produced a rule restricting the number of

the Kansas City Chiefs, currently of Oregon State University's English Department.

As American footbrill developed from rugby, blending elegance and violence into contact ballet, the seminal change was abandonment of rugby's "offside" rule that prevented any teammate from preceding the ball carrier downfield. This change guaranteed a satisfying quantity of mayhem — blocking and tackling — and the need for pauses after each play while the teams regrouped. Because of the constant pauses, coaches can exercise close control.

At first, coaching during a game — even football scholarships to 88, and next year to 85. Until 30 years ago, scholarships were unlimited and some schools gave more than 130. Eighty-five might seem sufficient for teams that field only eleven students at a time, but Ray Goff, head coach at Georgia, says fewer scholarships mean less talent more fumbles.

scholarships mean less talent, more fumbles, At first, coaching during a game — even walking up and down the sidelines — was more penalties, fewer fans and — coming to the point — fewer dollars. "We are fighting walking up and down the sidelines — was forbidden as unsportsmanlike. When in 1921 Coach Bob Zuppke of Illinois invented the offensive huddle, referees joined huddles when substitutes entered the game, to prevent sneaky coaching. But football developed "coach-centrism," the celebration of coaches is a master manipulators meshing against the pros for the limited entertainment dollar. We want to keep putting 80,000 people State University, frets about competition from the National Football League's New Orleans Saints, "only one hour away, inter-state all the way." The Saints "are putting on

players like cogs in a clock. Walter Camp, the Yale player and coach and a businessman (head of the New Haven Clock Company), dominated football's fora show down there and we have to compete with that." Have to? Says who? When college football first flourished it was when college football first nourispen it was unlike today's contests between vast throngs of players, some with narrow specialties (third-down-and-short-yardage blockers, etc.). The evolution of football into its current mative years. He wanted brains to matter more than mere muscle — the brains of coaches. Coaches would mold the raw material of players into teams modeled on that elephantine squads (some teams have 150 supposed paradigm of efficiency, the mod-

em corporation. Football would train America's corporate elite.

Here are the New York Herald's headlines about the 1892 defeat of coach Arthur Cumnock's Harvard team by Mr. Camp's Yale boys: "Most Scientific Football Battle on Record — It Was a Contest Between Coachset In I was a contest netwear control of the street was a contest of the street was a

Napoleon at Austerlitz, and with about as many troops and as much modesty, being "scientific" and the center of attention.

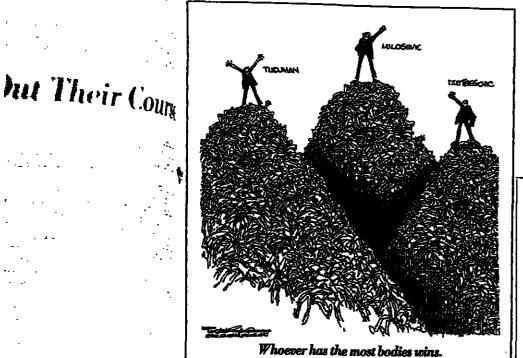
As usual, attempted improvements have made matters worse. Football improvers legislated a two-stage (in 1964 and 1975) transition to unlimited substitutions. This has meant unlimited opportunities for coaches to fuss and fiddle with each play.

We conservatives are constantly lectured about the impossibility of "turning back the clock." Such lectures come from people whose interests are threatened by the idea of a

superior and recoverable past. Such people run today's big-time football "programs."

Suppose colleges returned to severe limits on substitution, with many players playing both offense and defense. Colleges could cut scholarship costs. scholarship costs, coaches might stop their General Patton imitations and recede into the background, and if some LSU fans were un-reconciled to this, there would still be the NFL alternative, "only one hour away, interstate all the way."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War Crimes Tribunal

On Sept. 15 the UN General Assembly elected judges of the in-ternational tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the first international criminal court since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials after World War II. In addition to numerous practical difficulties - such as how to bring suspected perpetrators into custody - it has the task of bringing before the tribunal many of those politicians with whom the United Nations has been

negotiating in Geneva.
Yet the advantages of creating an international criminal jurisdic- left - "socialized medicine" It would be a success if only 10 or 50 of the hundreds or thousands of persons who have committed serious crimes in the region over the past two years were punished. It could be the nucleus of a regular international criminal court charged with the prosecution of grave breaches of universal hu-

Now that the tribunal has been formed, the great and small potential criminals, the government in Belgrade, the Bosnian Serb leaders, and the numerous "Rambos" who have been allowed to murder, rape, pillage and torture without fear of punishment in Bosnia's lawless jungle are now deprived of future certainty. Should the tribunal issue international warrants for their arrest, they will face trouble as soon as they attempt to travel abroad.

And if the political climate in Serbia were to change, a future democratic government might consider it opportune to hand over wanted criminals to the UN tribunal. This delayed victory would afford little satisfaction to the victims of this war. But for public international law and world peace such a step forward would be spectacular.

CARSTEN HOLLWEG.

An Islamic Defense

Regarding "Another Despotic Creed Seeks to Infiltrate the West" (Opinion, Sept. 9) by Clare Hol-

The claim that the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's orders to Muslims everywhere to assassinate Sal-man Rusbdie, the British writer, "provided the catalyst for an Islamic revival" is nonsense. Islamic revival in Arab countries has nothing to do with the ayatollah or Shiite Iran. It started in Egypt after Nas-ser's death in 1970, when his successor, President Sadat, allowed a margin of freedom of expression.
As to the assertion that "Chris-

tians living in Islamic countries are subject to the laws of the Koran hence the recent flogging of an Anglican bishop in Sudan," that country has denied that the alleged flogging ever happened. And in Islamic countries, Christians and Jews, known as "people of the book," are traditionally treated according to Biblical, not Koranic, law.

As to the assertion that Muslim fundamentalism is "the chief threat to global peace and security," Westem-style secularism is unacceptable to most Muslims, not only because it contradicts the teachings of Islam. but because in Muslim societies it has always been synonymous with

tyranny and oppression.
Fundamentalists who strive to carry out the basic teachings and laws of Islam by means of Dawaa (preaching and advice) are not the extremists who resort to violence to impose their narrow views on others. Yel, this distinction is systemat-

ically blurred in the Western media tions in Christianity and Judaism with a benevolence that is no match

for the anger and fury directed at Oxford, England.

Roots of Health Care Regarding "The Health-Care Plan: A Defining Moment of Clin-ton's Presidency" (Sept. 25):

R.W. Apple Jr. is mistaken when he suggests that national health insurance is a creation of the

the Fair Deal and the [British] Bev-

eridge plan of 1941." Compulsory sickness insurance was adopted first in 1883 in Germany under Bismarck, the enemy of the socialists. The first sickness insurance program in Britain was fathered by David Lloyd George, a Liberal, and passed in 1911. Sicktory in France in 1928 under the government of Raymond Poincare, a conservative and enemy of the left. And even William Beveridge, father of the British National

Health Service, was not a socialist (he served as a Liberal member of Parliament after World War II). Let us hope that simplistic no tions of right and left can be kept

out of the U.S. debate. CHRIS G. PETROW. Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Who Scalped First

Regarding "Overdoing It in Paris" (Opinion, Sept. 27):

The editorial describing the current French fashion in Yankeebashing was timely. Most disturbing was the remark by the maker Bertrand Tavernier before the European Parliament:
"We cannot allow the Americans
to treat us in the way they dealt
with the redskins." I am a film writer with proud Mohawk blood in my veins and I must remind Mr. Tavernier that it was the French

and the English who first treated the "redskins" so badly. Mr. Tavernier should be in-formed that the taking of bounty pelts (scalping) was introduced to the "Indian" nations of the American Northeast by the French.

DAVID AMORY LOWN.

Every time France dares to disagree with the United States in a conflict of interest, American journalists accuse France of arrogance, chanvinism and selfishness.

May one suggest that the U.S. administration is so accustomed to submission in its dealings with for-eign partners, especially in the Western world, that the least attempt at independence is viewed as perversity or insanity?

J. de la FERRIERE

Two Chinese Realities

Regarding "Olympics 2000: For-get the Politics and Listen to China's Case" (Sept. 23) by Robert Barnett: Mr. Barnett is right to portray China as a nation that seeks to foster the well-being of its peoples while steering them "from the au-tarchical egalitarianism of Mao into a Deng sponsored market orientation that doubled national productivity from 1979 to 1989." It is sad to see how much the Tianan-

men episode blocks out reality. PETER G. STRAVRIDES.

Clamping down in Moscow

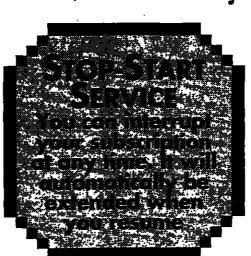
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UNITED NATIONS, New York - The Security Council has voted unanimously to authorize six more months of peacekeeping by UN troops in the former Yugoslavia. but it has warned Serbia that sanctions against it will remain as long as ethnic Serbian troops flout cease-fire lines in Croatia.

The resolution was adopted Monday after five days of delay due to an attempt by Russia, Serbia's historic ally, to soften pronouncements against the Serbs. In the end, the resolution, though clouded by diplomatic compromise language, still made its disdain for

Serbian actions clear. The warning was underscored by

Photos Staged, Time Admits

The Associated Press NEW YORK -Time magazine has acknowledged that a series of photographs purporting to show child prostitutes in

Moscow was staged.

"Although both the pimp and the boys still insist to us that they were and are engaged in child prostitution, one boy has denied it to others," the magazine said in its Oct 11 edition. "Had we known this at the time, we would not have run these pictures."

the chief U.S. representative, Madeleine K. Albright, who told the council, "The Serbian authorities must stop their interference in the

internal affairs of Croatia." Sanctions were originally imposed on Serbia to prevent it from helping the Bosnian Serbs, who have been accused of mass rapes and killings of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But the resolution admonished Serbia that "full normalization of the international community's position toward those concerned will take into account their actions in implementing all relevant resolutions of the Security Council, including those relating to the UN peacekeeping plan for Croatia."

Ambassadors said this was a convoluted way of telling Serbia that the sanctions against it would remain in force if it kept meddling in Croatia, even though the measures were not imposed for that purpose originally.

in a speech to the General Assembly last week, President Franjo Tudiman of Croatia insisted that he would demand the withdrawal of all UN troops by Nov. 30 if Serbian forces continued to violate cease-fire agreements.

The resolution attempts to deal with that by authorizing the UN peacekeepers to take all necessary measures, including the use of force, to ensure that no one inter-

feres with their movements in Cro-

To assuage Mr. Tudiman, the resolution calls on Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali to report in two months on whether the parties are adhering to Security Council resolutions on Croatia.

■ Bihac Clash Continues

Bosnian government troops and Muslim separatists battled in the enclave of Bihac on Tuesday, deepening a split in Bosnia's Muslim

community, Reuters reported. The Muslim-led Bosnian army trying to crush the breakaway by Bihac Muslims, engaged their units for the second straight day in the village of Johovica.

Trade Center Bombing Trial Begins

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - No witnesses will testify that they saw the four men accused of the the World Trade Center bombing making the explosive. Nor will anyone take the stand to describe seeing someone leave the bomb in a rental van in a

parking garage at the center. Nonetheless, evidence will link the defendants to one another and to the Feb. 26 attack, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gilmore Childers said Monday in his opening statement as the trial got under way.

The evidence includes traces of

sulfuric acid on a shoe and saliva court and could get life in prison The New York Times claiming responsibility for the bombing, the

prosecutor said. Outside the courtroom a defense attorney, Robert Precht, said it was "stunning admission" by Mr. Childers that no one would testify to having seen the defendants with

the bomb Four Muslim fundamentalists -Mohammed A. Salameh, 26, Mohammed Ahmad Ajaj, 27, Mahmud the materials when he fought Ayyad, 25 - are on trial in federal

on the envelope of a letter sent to without parole. The bomb killed 6 people and wounded more than

> Mr. Childers said Mr. Ajaj, a Palestinian, had entered the United States with a false Swedish passport and "a terrorist's library," including bomb-making manuals,

notebooks and cassettes. But in his opening statement an-Abohalima, 33, and Nidal A. against Soviet forces in Afghani-

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Small-Time Sarajevo Villain Hits It Big

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Outside the main surgical clinic at Kosevo Hospital, and along the corridor to the intensive care unit, men wearing steel helmets and carrying rifles and bazookas stand guard 24 hours a day. Nobody passes without their consent. Sometimes, even surgeons are

turned back. The men with guns are protecting a patient shot through the heart a week ago, a man who has received the kind of attention accorded to none of the thousands of wounded people who passed through here during Sarajevo's 18 months under siege. He has been attended by the city's top doctors, and a procession of military and government officials have visited his bedside.

He is known as Celo. The nickname means bald in Scrbo-Croatian, but Celo is not bald. He is 29, tall and striking in appearance. His real name is Ismet Bajramovic. Before the war, if he was known in the city at all, it was for his activities as a small-time villain, and for the fact that he had spent several years some accounts say six, others eight - in prison for rape.

Now, Celo is the godfather of Sarajevo, the head of what amounts to the local mafia. He controls a black-market empire built on smuggled food, alcohol, arms and ammunition, as well as, some say, prostitution and drugs. He runs a protection racket that controls most of the coffee bars and nightchubs that have reopened here in recent months, after a

year when there was virtually nowhere to buy

a sandwich, a cup of coffee or a drink. He also controls clandestine exits from the city, charging up to 1,000 Deutsche marks (about \$600) to arrange safe passage.

In a city where scarce resources are the

fount of money and power. Celo has no rival as a supplier, but gangs like his that have sprung up since the collapse of normal com-merce are seen by diplomats as powerful encuely to complicate an improvement of a second enough to complicate enforcement of a peace plan in Bosnia if one is approved.

The story of Celo — his power, how he acquired it, why somebody tried to kill him in many ways represents the dark side of the story of Sarajevo.

Since Serbian forces surrounded the city on April 5, 1992, and subjected it to relentless bombardment, Sarajevo has become a symbol of innocent suffering, of courage and resourcefulness, of hunger, of a mostly Mus-lim population being terrorized by Serbian

But Sarajevo has had no want of people seeking to profit from its miseries. From the start of the siege, the collapse of law and order led to the rise of gangs that became small armies. They looted the city of everything of value, emptying department stores and warehouses, commandeering cars and trucks and fuel, taking control of neighborhoods. Most posed as Robin Hoods, dispensing largesse to the needy and engaging their

Like at least 80 percent of the 380,000 people in Sarajevo. Celo is a Muslim, but he has built his power through secret contacts with the Serbs. By day, Serbian gunmen in the suburb of Grbavica fire morturs and sniper bullets into the Muslim-held quarters of the city, and Muslim soldiers, some under Celo's command, fire back. At night, the two forces meet at the bridges spanning the Mil-jacka River, separating the Serbian and Mus-lim parts of the city, and conduct a thriving

All of this is sustained, on Celo's side, by a personal army that stirs as much fear among ordinary residents as the encircling Serbian guns. Celo's army numbers hundreds of men

and has a reputation for ruthlessness. Almost every week brings fresh accounts of people who have been beaten, and sometimes killed. in disputes with his men.

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Earlier challengers for control of the gangs fell by the wayside. One, Jusuf Prazina, known as Juka, was driven from the city in the summer of 1992 by General Sefer Halilovic, the former commander of the Bosnian Army, who made a crusade of trying to put the gangs under government control. Juka

vowed revenge. In July, General Halilovic's wife and her brother were killed when a shell exploded beside them as they sipped coffee on the balcony of the general's apartment near the center of Sarajevo.

The deaths were publicly attributed to an 'aggressor's shell," meaning that it was fired by Serbs. But police investigators quickly determined that the explosion was caused by bazooka fired from a facing apartment

Celo was also the target of an effort to suppress the gangs. On one occasion, the army set up barricades across most of the major streets in the city center and shot at Celo's car. He was lightly wounded and escaped.

In the latest attempt to kill the gang leader, Celo was shot at close rage with a 22mm pistol while visiting one of the cafes he conirols. The assailant escaped, and the police

say they have no leads. A theory circulating in the city is that the Bosnian government forces, determined to rein in the gangs, authorized the attack.

Celo's supporters, and even some highranking army officers, say the city owes much to him, and to others like him, for organizing the first armed resistance to the Serbian nationalists after the battle for the city began

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ONDON - This is a city of tradition and continuity, but the autumn of 1993 is shaping up as a time of sometimes smooth, occasionally bumpy transition in London's classical-music life.

There is an entirely new administrative and artistic team at the English National Opera; a new opera director at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, and new "principals," or directors, at both the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College

The English National Opera is London's domestic company, devoted to British operas and artists and to foreign operas sin operas and arusts and in loreign operas sung in English. During the go-go 1980s, the ENO rode high, buoyed by a newly affluent young public and critically ac-claimed for its innovative stagings.

The company was run by Peter Jonas as general director, Mark Elder as music director and David Pountney as director of productions, and a triumphant troika they

Or did until 1991, when things began to sour. It was in that year that all three said they would leave the company this sum-mer, to be succeeded by Dennis Marks, the head of music programs of the BBC, as general director and the conductor Sian Edwards, 34, as music director.

That made the old regime lame ducks,

but worse, the recession combined to undercut government and private financial support and the ability of the company's young public to sustain its level of atten-

Marks now places the deficit at nearly \$5 million. But there was another problen; a gradual disenchantment with the zippy production style Pountney had over-

Marks, determined not to besmirch his predecessors, said carefully that "there was not a falling off of quality, but a change in the context and the audience's attitude to the work.'

For him, a striking, deconstructionist, concept-driven production of a standard opera may attract critical and public sup-



See Adler for The New York Times

sounded to them alternately loud and sen-

phor for youthful high spirits.

By the sixth performance, however, things had settled more satisfactorily into place. Certainly Edwards's orchestral brashness seemed like a plausible meta-

The casting made statements of its own.

The importation of an American Mimi, Roberta Alexander, raised English eye-

brows, but she justified the choice with a

typically reserved, sensitive performance.

dolfo, John Hudson, who was singing his

first major part anywhere. Hudson is just

the sort of young, extremely talented Brit-ish singer Marks and Edwards would like

The most important thing I want to

develop here is the singing." Edwards said backstage after "Bohème." "In the last 10

years there's been less attention to build-

ing up the singers; they preferred a small

ensemble and bringing in lots of different

Even more noteworthy was the Ro-

Sian Edwards, new music director at the English National Opera.

timental.

port its first season, maybe even its second, but then people lose interest and the box office drops sharply. "You budget a contemporary opera for two seasons, but for 'Don Giovanni' or 'Der Rosenkavalier' you budget for 20 years, and that's the problem facing us now." he said.

The need to restore the core repertory with productions with a shelf life means at least a couple of new productions each season of standard works - warhorses, if

Such thinking helps explains the decision to make the first new staging of the debut season - which, of course, was planned largely by the Jonas team — "La

Not that critical response guarantee anything, but Steven Pimlott's "Boheme" production, as well as Edwards's conducting were greeted guardedly by the London

Most critics found the idea of a loftlike unit set and the four acts played without intermission awkward, and the conducting

company, more if we can afford it."

Marks has decided not to replace Pountney. Instead, he has created a new Department of Artistic Administration and Dramaturgy and hired Gus Mostaart, a Dutch opera administrator and stage director with considerable experience in Britain, to run it.

people. My idea is to have up to 25 in the

David fitted the director of production job for himself like a Saville Row suit," Marks said. "It was molded to his body. You can't buy a house style off the peg." Over at the Royal Opera, there is a greater continuity because Jeremy Isaacs remains the overall director, overseeing the Royal Opera, the Royal Ballet and the

Sadicr's Wells). Still, with the choice of Nicholas Payne, who spent a decade as director of the highly regarded Opera North in Leeds, Isaacs has hired himself a knowing professional to run the opera company.

Royal Birmingham Ballet (formerly

IVEN an even longer lead time in the planning of opera casts with international stars, Payne has inherited a considerable amount of advance planning.

perform all of Verdi's operas over the rest of the decade, concentrated in festivals at the end of each season. But that decision is one he backs wholeheartedly.

Otherwise, he hopes to reinvigorate Wagner. "Over the last few years we've been very bad in this country at staging Wagner," he said. "It's just been sort of drab, when you think of Chereau at Bayreuth or Herbert Wernicke in Brussels." To rectify that lack, he's doing a complete new "Ring" staged by Richard Jones between the beginning of next season and the fall of 1995.

He would also like to reassert Covent Garden's claims to the English-opera rep-ertory that is also part of Marks's plans over at the London Coliseum, where the ENO performs.

"We are London's 'international' opera house, but it's a fact that most of the great British operas were first performed here," Payne said. "I think that's a legacy that we shouldn't allow to pass out of our hands."

rary ills he foresaw a decade ago in

"Pravda": the takeover of the mod-

ism. "Racing Demon" is an old-

fashioned moral debate that would

have been instantly familiar to Shaw

or Galsworthy, and none the worse

The other two plays are, howev-

rabbed behind the scenes, without

er, tabloids. They rely for their ma-jor effects on instant snapshots

the redeeming dramatic value of

any clear purpose or overview. As a

result, their characters become car-

For all those caveats, however,

for that. It is a broadsheet piece.



Emporio Armani vest in Indonesian print, left, and crochet shawl over vest and pants.

Beyond Minimal: Armani

By Suzy Menkes

ILAN - Is it possible to be more minimal than Giorgio Armani? Italy's lessis-more designers have been presenting spare wares, while Armani himself ran ahead of the pack and showed where we go from bare. His Emporio Armani show - his main line is yet to come - was about pretty-woman dressing in a modern way. Using a palette of sand and cream, touched with watery aquamarine or peach, the maestro of minimalism turned decorator. On a long slim dress, its skirt a waft of beige chiffon, came a cruft of crochet lace, and a pinwheel pendant made from seashells. The lacy effect came as cobweb-fine shawls, as an edging at midriff and cuff, or as a gauzy skirt. The decoration was so refined, so subtle and so delicately

done, that it was hard to take in the fact that the designer who had once stripped suits of all extras including collars, was adding things on. And glory be! Armani, king of the pantsuit, pro-

duced appealing skirts — mostly long and soft, occa-sionally short, flattering to the knee. Modern alternatives to the long jackets were thigh-length tunics or brief vests with a tiny tassel quivering at midspine. All the clothes were layered, often over fluid, wide pants.

In the rest of Milan, minimalism rules the runways. Even at Genny, a former furnace of steamy dressing, the show Tuesday was cool and simple with white crepe tunics over soft pants and the slip dress, long or short, the big statement. They went with elongated vests or fluttering coats to the calf. Even the colors shell pink, mint green and pale blue, sometimes in candy stripes — had a seashore freshness. Donatella Girombelli, taking ber runway bow, wore the long coat

over loose tunic and pants that were stars of the show. impeccable clothes - except for a few openwork stitches on natural linen sweaters and diagonal pleats on a white linen apron dress. Sander made a virtue of plainness, but she is one of the last designers still to feel bullish about menswear and her group of tailored pants and vests in gray suiting looked stern indeed.

For minimalism taken neat, but also soft and feminine, there is Zoran, the American-based designer who showed his line in Milan. He mixed cocktails of fabrics and textures and super-subtle colors, to give an edge to the simplest clothes — say an egg-white stiff organza top over a layer of floppy white chiffon, with the chiffon pants given an underlying sparkle of lame. Liquid satin flowed across the body, but it was Zoran's handling of the stiffer fabrics — like a cloud-gray organza tunic — that seemed exceptional.

Krizia sent out a simple, strong collection. The theme was China, which meant pigtails and Mao

jackets. But the beauty of the show was its play or textures and the sense that Krizia, which had seemed to lose its way, had returned to its knitwear roots.

There was a feel for ecology in beige fabries and rough-woven textures —made into long knitted tunies over pants. Necklines slipping off the shoulder, coats floating downward and knitted dresses slithering to the article all had an experient. the ankle all had an easy feel.

The Chinese theme got a bit heavy-handed at night with Mao jackets in fancy fabrics. But the designer Mariuccia Mandelli had caught something modern in the simplicity and plainness of the Chinese uniform. Prada also had a Chinese influence: ink-blue, wov-

en-linen Mao jackets. They and Prada's signature unadorned knits were the strongest pieces in a show that tried too hard to be avant-garde. The downbeat start featured transparent black dresses - useful for a funeral in a bordello. Good pieces were

the revival of the safari jacket and slip dresses in linen, knit or foam-white panne velvet. The show had its effect with an aggressive innocence, but it seemed like a cult GLAMOROUS insider's event was the

party given by the editors of Vogue for the photographer Steven Meisel, who is a cult . figure. Versace, Ferré and Valentino were all drawn to the gallery to view Meisel's revealing portraits. They included Boy George, John Galliano and a nude study of Donatella Versace (the designer's

A China-clay-white knit dress with a cappuccino coat on Laura Biagiotti's runway celebrated a marriage of Oriental and Italian talents, Biagiotti's luxurious, seminine and streamlined cashmeres were the stars of a show that was watched by a contingent from Inner Mongolia. Biagiotti has signed an exceptional deal with China International Trust & Investment Corp. Apart from those spare cashmeres, the collection was anti-minimalist; sweaters fringed with gold baubles, dangling tassels of macrame and white cotton dresses, tucked, frilled, decorated to the hilt and showing off all-Italian workmanship.

After spare clothes looking like a hangover cure, Valentino's Oliver collection came as a shock to the system. From the top of the lacy berets to the soles of the lace high-top sneakers, not to mention the white lace hose in between, the show was a not of decoration. Its base was naval tailoring teamed with surf-white fullsleeved organza blouses. An ocean of fussiness washed over the clothes: open-work crochet shirts, lace jabots, ripples of chilfon, pussycat bows and striped knits.

Taken apart, there were nice pieces.

But what price supermodel Naomi Campbell in a striped bodysuit and seashell bra with matching sailor cap earning her fee by sitting out the show on a swing - until she took one turn down the runway with Valentino? Like they say, less is more.

David Hare Paints Broad Picture of England

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - In an allday, eight-hour sequence of tremendous power and ambition, David Hare has completed his "state of the nation" trilogy. It marks two great achievements: first, the creation at the National for the first time of a credible permanent company of character actors who can move from play to play with dex-terity, and second, the ability of the National for the first time to examine the way we live on a broad political and social canvas such as has not been seen in the London

theater these past 20 years. stuck to them. Hare's play deals with vicars up against a hostile and uncaring community, in much the thriller of such power about church same position to which Michael versus state.

By James Helme Sutcliffe

Petit would base a new ballet on the paintings, drawings and sketches of the German Expressionist artist Otto Dix (1891-1969), whose gloriously garish pictures of Berlin's subcultures during the Roaring '20s gave him the reputation of a modern Hogarth.

Certainly nobody but Petit, part chorecarrenher.

Certainly nobody but Petit, part choreographer, part storyteller, part social critic, part character actor, part cabaret entertainer but always a com-

plete and consummate showman, would have

strung together danced interpretations of 10 of Dix's most famous paintings about love, hust, sexual murder, war, flapper fashion, rape and the underworld of nightchib cabaret to form an amus-

ing and convincing whole.
The result is "Dix" in 10 scenes lasting an unbro-

ken hour and three-quarters, which had its successful world premiere at the Berlin State Opera last

week. Danced by the superbly reconstituted opera ballet company under Michael Denard, the music

ballet company under Michael Denard, the music was chosen from works of the same period by the excellent conductor of the evening, Asher Fisch. Familiar tunes by Kintt Weill accompanied the tangoing "Modern Dance Couple," "The Painter and His Model" and "Sailor With Whores"; Stravinsky's "Symphony in Three Movements" added

ERLIN — Probably nobody but Roland

Frayn relegated the architects and town planners of "Benefactors."

Here we have the Reverend Lionel Espy, played in the performance of his caneer by Oliver Ford Davies, that he can no longer fulfill the job description by spreading a faith he has lost. Then there's a Biblethumping zealot (Adam Kotz), more than half Elmer Gantry, a hearty cyclist (Adrian Scarborough) who believes that God works best on a sports field, and a suppressed and tortured gay (Michael Bryant) final-ly exiled by a Sunday scandal sheet the average plot of a cop show in its in a tough echo of "Pravda."

All four clerics are answerable to the ineffably smooth Bishop of Southwark (Richard Pasco), who has decided that the church tempoable; the bad news is that the plays ral and political is of more immedifunction on a sliding scale, with the first far and away the best. This is "Racing Demon," first at the National in Control of the church wills and weaknesses takes on a Shavian power as the exploration disappointment of a massive failure of nerve within the church of England. This is a play about shepherds who have lost the will to lead and sheep who have no desire to follow, but it is also about the way that Hare's breadth of research has denied him depth of insight. What we end up with is the equivalent of a television Vox Pop. And it is precisely the same journalistic problem that besets the new, last play in the sequence. The tional in early 1990 and still un- Shavian power as the exploration

'Dix' on Dix, Dance by Petit

And so to the law: Hare's second play, "Murmuring Judges" (first seen in 1991), gives us not only judges but barristers, solicitors, convicts, jailers, corrupt detectives a preacher so racked by inner doubt and lesser but more honest coppers in a vast semidocumentary tapestry somewhere between "Detective Story" and an anglicized "Hill

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Street Blues." But it is a tapestry that unfortunately then unravels to

work; indeed, four researchers are credited on "The David Hare Trilogy" and their statistics are chilling. Only 3 percent of all crimes lead to a conviction, but if the per-centage was any higher there would be nowhere to put the criminals

Absence of War" is about yet anto avoid. Not since the epilogue to
"Saint Joan" have we had a moral
other crisis of confidence, this one in the Labor Party engine room during the last general election.

ment of the Charleston Rag accompanied Bettina Thiel in Dix's seductive "Anita Berber," one of his

most famous paintings.

Music from Alban Berg's "Lulu" Suite — her seduction and murder by Jack the Ripper — allowed Steffi Scherzer and Raimondo Rebeck to

dance out the Grand Guignol of the situation in "Sexual Murder," and Schoenberg gave "Brussels Hall of Mirrors" a suitably elusive musical quality.

Dix had been one of the artists represented in

Dix had been one of the artists represented in that infamous Nazi exhibition "Degenerate Art."

Two of these works were in "Walpurgisnacht" with its liverish-yellow child Hitler tiding a witch piggyback and "Trenches," a sickeningly realistic portrayal of the horrors of World War I.

Josef Svoboda designed what look liked a hinge crinkled canvas onto which Dix's paintings were

projected, dividing the stage areas with gazze, which allowed the chorus line to disappear at the flick of a switch. It might have been this proximity of frivolous and serious elements that provoked a few

audience members to boo. But Petit's new ballet caught the essence of Dix's style perfectly.
"Dix" remains in the Staatsoper repertoire until
Oct. 31 and will be revived in May and June.

James Helme Sutcliffe is a Berlin-based critic and

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Eyre's fluent, fluid movement of do not be deterred from this Harey his troops across Bob Crowley's epic. It may not have many of the

often back-projected settings is a answers, but it asks all the right

John Thaw plays the Kinnock The final irony of this Hare tril-figure, a man whose tragedy it is to ogy is that it should have been

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ing between the party and victory. em world by the tenets of journal-

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the first time in decades and then to

be seen as the one obstacle stand-

Figures from the shadow cabinet

are varuely recognizable here, but

Hare has his hero brought down by

the creakiest of devices, the back-

firing of a live television interview.

Like the priests in "Racing De-

mon," the politicians in "Absence

of War" are destroyed by their own

uncertainties. It is the absence of

faith that we are faced with all

through the trilogy, but only in that first play does Hare seem to care

enough to give us great drama as well as cool debate. On the broad

Olivier stage, however, Richard

* EW YORK -- Paul Simon has come a long way since he and Art Garfunkel dissolved their duo in 1970. So far, in fact, that it has become nearly impossible to look back. The selling point for Simon's monthlong engage-ment at the Paramount, modestly titled "The Concert Event of a Lifetime" and charging up to \$100 a ticket, is the latest reunion of Si-mon and Garfunkel, performing their 1960s hits. But the Simon and Garfunkel songs are the only ones that begged for the perceptual haze

Luckily, they were only part of a three-hour show that confirmed Simon's inspiration and ingenuity. Garfunkel turned out to be just one of a large supporting cast of Si-mon's collaborators and fellow singers, including Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Phoebe Snow and a remark-able band of American, African and Brazilian musicians. Steve Martin also turned up, with a comedy cameo that laid to rest the sweetly dated "59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy)."

The main problem with the Simon and Garfunkel reunion was Garfunkel. The duo performed nearly every song from "Simon and Garfonkel's Greatest Hits" (Co-trimbia) along with their first hit (recorded as Tom and Jerry), "Hey Schoolgirl." But Garfunkel's voice, now frayed and more earthbound

than in the past, had to strain and sometimes failed to reach the pristine high notes of his old harmo-

"Preserve your memories; they're all that's left you," Simon and Garfunkel sang in the concert's last song. That may be true for Simon and Garfunkel, but on his own, Simon has no need to live in the past.



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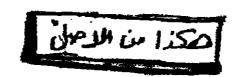
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In Megadeals of the '90s, None Dare Call It Synergy

By Calvin Sims New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - It is the kind of multibillion-dollar bidding war not seen since the go-go 1980s: two big cable television companies fighting to buy Paramount Commu-nications Inc., an entertainment empire that includes professional sports teams, book publishing houses and the last

Behind this duel between Viacom Inc. and QVC Network Inc. also lies the 1980s conventional wisdom that bigger is better in the media business. "Synergy" they called it in the 1980s, when Time and Warner were courting. Sony was eyeing Columbia, and Matsushita was wooing MCA.

(, As in a good marriage, each partner would bring qualities that when combined would magically create something better than either could achieve alone. The concept still has enough appeal to get Nynex Corp., a big region-

Big media mergers of the past have not yet al telephone company, to agree Monday to contribute \$1.2 bildemonstrated much lion to aid Viacom's effort. Still, the current Paramount

chase seems to offer evidence that the 1980s lesson for the 1990s is: Whatever the grand strategy.

do not call it synergy.

Frank J. Biondi Jr., chief executive of Viacom, said his company has avoided using the word "synergy" as the justification for pursuing Paramount because the big media mergers of the past have not yet demonstrated much alchemy.

The megamedia companies of the 1980s are still struggling to justify their conglomerations, and it may take years before most of these companies realize significant new revenue or profit from their

Entertainment industry analysts and media specialists said that most of the 1980s megamergers had been hampered by clashing corporate cultures, the huge debt needed to finance the deals and the big new bureaucracies that slow decision-making.

"If you do a cost-benefit analysis you probably would conclude that it was not worth going through all the trouble and aggravation to merge," said Harold Vogel, a media analyst with Merrill Lynch. Time Warner Inc., for example, which was created in a \$14 billion merger in 1989, has exhibited little in the way of synergy, mainly

because of infighting among its units. Its HBO cable network and Warner Brothers studio are downright hostile toward one another, continually bickering over the See MEDIA, Page 17

Surplus In Tokyo Increases By 7.4%

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — Washington hoped a strong yen would depress Japan's huge trade surplus and create jobs in America, but fresh current-account data suggests the policy is falling short on both counts, economists said Tuesday.

Japan's current-account surplus. the broadest measure of its trade. widened 7.4 percent, to \$7.23 billion, in August, a record for the month and the 29th consecutive expansion, the Finance Ministry

The strong yen, which has surged nearly one-fifth in value against the dollar this year, is cutting into Jap-anese exports. That is beginning to contribute to a downward spiral of the Japanese economy, undermin-ing its ability to absorb foreign

The usefulness of the strong yen has come to an end," said Mineko Sasaki-Smith, chief economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. in Tokyo.

The surplus comes as an embar-rassment to Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who just last week told President Bill Clinton in New York that Japan would do its utmost to trim the surplus. While Mr. Clinton refrained from applying heavy pressure, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher grumbled about a lack of progress in "frame-work" talks that aim to expand access to Japanese markets. He called for significant progress before the two leaders meet again.

Mr. Hosokawa will try to reclaim the high ground on Thursday, when an advisory panel is expected to unveil a set of policies aimed at promoting imports and foreign direct investment. Policies of this sort have been in place for years, but the prime minister's personal endorsement may give them a higher prior-ity. "It will be explicit favoritism to foreign companies." Ms. Sasaki-Smith said. "It's a new twist."

Whatever measures are introduced, however, they will be insuf-See SURPLUS, Page 15

Box Office or Front Line? Movie Receipts Illuminate Trade War

By Barry James

International Herald Tribune
PARIS — With the opening here this month of two blockbuster movies, one French and one American, the trans-Atlantic debate over what some in France see as an American cultural and trade invasion is reaching new

Both Claude Bern's 160 million franc (\$28.2 million) adaptation of Emile Zola's novel "Germinal" and Steven Spielberg's \$56 million "Jurassic Park" seem certain to be hits in France. But there the comparison ends. The Spielberg movie has already earned \$379 million in foreign markets and \$325.7 million in the United States, while "Germi-nal," like most French movies, is unlikely to get a lot of play in the United States, for reasons unre-

lated to its quality.
It is this imbalance that is at the heart of France's demands for so-called audiovisual products to be excluded from the negotiations for an international agreement under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In the current Uruguay Round negotiations, scheduled to end in mid-December, the United States is demanding that the European Community allow free trade in audiovisual products.

If the U.S. position is adopted in the broader world trade talks, the Community would have to abandon protectionist measures, such as the one that allows governments to impose national quotas on television programming or the state financing that made Mr. Berri's film possible.

France, the only European country that still has a major A French appeal said American

companies seek to conquer a market they already dominate.

movie industry, is leading the

"We want to convince our European partners and later the American negotiators that only an excluding clause, which re-moves audiovisual works from GATT principles, can save the independence and the existence of the European movie and au-diovisual sectors," the French culture minister, Jacques Tou-Both Mr. Spielberg and anoth-

er leading American director, Martin Scorsese, have argued against the French attempt to keep quotas and restrictions.
"We cannot lock our borders

any more than we ought to close our minds," Mr. Spielberg said. Mr. Scorsese said that he understood the concern of European filmmakers but said that "closing the borders would not guarantee a rise in creativity in the local countries, or even a rise of interest on the part of local

Last week, 4,000 professionals in the entertainment industry, from gaffers to stars, signed a published appeal organized by three French associations representing the acting, film and music professions.

The appeal said that the goal of the American entertainment companies was the total conquest "of a market which they dominate almost completely, thus annihilating one of the major developments of the construction of Europe, its culture."
It accused the United States of practicing "cultural dumping." A recent book by an American

professor, Richard Knisel, "Seducing the French: the Dilemma of Americanization," said it

EC Takes a Seat on the Aisle

MONS, Belgium - EC culture ministers agreed Tuesday that the Community must be allowed to take specific action to protect its television and film industries from a Hollywood onslaught.

The ministers, however, stopped short of backing a so-called cultural exception that is favored by France and the European film industry that would exempt the industries altogether from world free-

The ministers instead outlined six "minimum objectives," including the right to pay subsidies and to enforce television quotas.

Elio di Rupo, audiovisual minister for Belgium's French-speaking regional government and chair-man of the informal meeting, said it was a compro-mise between a majority of the countries, who wanted the "cultural exception" in rules being negotiated under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and others who wanted a more flexible approach.

The ministers' formula has no legal force. But Mr. di Rupo said it would guide European Community trade and foreign ministers and the European Commission by laying out specific objectives at a political level for the first time.

France is threatening to veto a GATT agreement if free-trade rules on services are applied to the film and video industries. It says some protectionist measures are needed to safeguard national film dustries against rising Hollywood exports.

But the United States is insisting that the audiovisual sector be treated in the same way as any other service, such as financial services or maritime transport, in the 110-nation talks designed to bring down trade barriers.

German Stocks Gain in Price and Global Reach

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herold Tribine
FRANKFURT — While the rest of Germany began the week sing-ing unification blues, its biggest stock market was busy breaking records amid an atmosphere of eu-

German stocks rose to a record Tuesday on the Frankfurt stock exchange as shares in Daimler-Benz AG, the country's biggest company, began trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Also Tuesday, the retailer Kaufhof Holding AG announced plans to have its stock trade in the less-regulated U.S. overthe-counter market.

The weighted, 30-share German Stock Index, the DAX, was set to take a run at the psychologically sig-mificant level of 2,000 points soon, traders said, after it closed Tuesday up 49.01 points, at 1.972.73. That was a closing record; earlier in the day, the DAX set an intra-session record of 1,982.75 points.

The rise in German stocks was primarily attributed to the end of conflict in Moscow streets and positive corporate news. But some stock brokers said a "new era" in the internationalization of German

equity investments further contrib-uted to the buoyant mood. The listing of Daimler-Benz AG shares on the New York Stock Exchange, which ended years of confrontation with the Securities and Exchange Commission over reporting rules, "could usher in a new era of German companies becoming more sensitive to shareholder needs," said Nigel Longley, a

stockbroker at Commerzbank AG. Ronaldo Schmitz, a board member of Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's biggest bank and one of Daimler-Benz's biggest shareholders, agreed. "Going to Wall Street is still an unusual and to some extent troublesome step, but the changes it ushers in enhance the attractiveness of the company, creating a higher shareholder value, thus ultimately aiding even current shareholders," he wrote in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

More than 40 German compa-

Up 2.55% Tuesday to 197273

nies have shares listed outside Ger many, but Daimler-Benz is the first to list its shares on the New York

exchange, the world's largest.

Daimler-Benz shares, traded in the form of American depositary receipts, began trading in New York at \$47 but lost a little ground during the day, closing at \$46.75. Volume was above 1.3 million shares, but not enough to rank Daimler among the 10 most active issues on the NYSE.

In Frankfurt, Daimler's stock rose 15 Deutsche marks, to close at 760 DM (\$468). Each ADR represents about one-tenth of an ordinary Daimler share on the home market

"This listing marks the high point so far of our efforts to international-ize our financial profile," Daimler-Benz's chairman, Edzard Reuter, said in New York. The listing gives Daimler-Benz access to 51 million private U.S. stock investors and more than 10,000 institutional investors, many of whom are prohibited by law from buying non-Ameri-

Gerhard Liener, Daimler-Benz's chief financial officer, said the company's ADRs could be followed in the foreseeable future by a See DAIMLER, Page 15

VW Said to Want A Slimmer SEAT

will insist on a major slimming down of SEAT, its Spanish unit, when its chairman, Ferdinand Piech, meets with Spanish govern-

Mr. Piech is to meet with Indus-try Minister Juan Manuel Eguiaearay and Deputy Prime Minister Narcis Serra on Thursday, sources at SEAT said. Mr. Piech also is to company to survive in its present meet with leaders of the regional form, according to the daily. government in Catalonia, where SEAT has two plants.

The meetings were arranged after SEAT Chairman Juan Antonio the wake of Volkswagen's rejection Speculation has emerged this duction director, José Ignacio Lo-week that the Spanish and Catalan pez de Arriortúa. vernments might take stakes in

SEAT and that such a move would German Metal Strikes welcomed by Volkswagen. When Volkswagen acquired expected to stage numerous spon-SEAT from the state holding com-taneous warning strikes soon in repany Instituto Nacional de Indus- action to the recent cancellation of

made any decision yet on how to a Reuters report from Berlin. SEAT was to be restructured.

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might cost SEAT 600 million Deut

sche marks (\$366.6 million). The Spanish daily El Pals report-ed that Volkswagen has been planning to dissolve SEAT for months ment ministers this week, industry and that it aims to centralize management in Germany.

Under the plan, the SEAT name
which stands for Sociedad Espanola de Automóviles de Turismo SA -would be the only part of the Also to be discussed at the meet

ings is a successor to Mr. Diaz Alvarez. According to sources at Volkswagen, a decision has already Diaz Alvarez resigned last week in been made, and his successor is expected to be a Spanish national of his restructuring plan for SEAT. who is close to Volkswagen's pro-

West German metal workers are

EAT was to be restructured. He said the union wanted to But, according to Spanish press maintain peace before the begin-

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Volkswagen has said it had not right by employers, the Berlin-Brandenburg regional leader of the union IG Metall, said Tuesday, according

area and cutting most of its 11,000 around 500 workers at Alcatel SEL orkers. AG in Berlin had put down their Industry sources in Frankfurt tools Tuesday for several hours.

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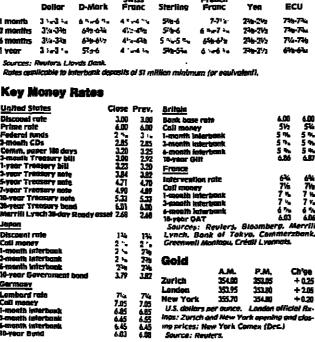


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Earnings Worries Batter Chip Makers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — A plunge in semiconductor stocks pulled most U.S. market measures lower on Tuesday.

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. released lower-than-expected quarterly results, arousing concern

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about the strength of third-quarter earnings among U.S. companies. "The AMD results caused investors to reassess whether earnings are going to meet investors' expectations," said Phil Smyth, market analyst at Birinyi Associates Inc.

The Dow Jones industrial average, buoyed by gains in 3M and Sears, rose 9.50 points, to 3,587.26. Broader stock indexes fell, however, with the Nasdaq Combined Composite down 2.60, to 762.24, and the Standard & Poor's 500 off 0.13, at 461.21.

Declining common stocks outnumbered advancing issues by a Stock Exchange, where trading was heavy with 294.6 million shares changing hands changing hands.

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AMD was the most-active stock on the NYSE, down 4% to 21% after the company reported third-quarter net income of 61 cents a share, below analysts' expectations of 69 cents. The company also told analysts in a conference call that the fourth quarter was likely to bring heightened pricing pressures due to competitive pricing at Intel Corp.

The Dow

The AMD results signal that some of the momentum in semi-conductors "is lost," said William Milton, an analyst with Brown Brothers Harriman. "There's no escaping that."

The S&P semiconductor index. one of the biggest gainers so far this year, appreciating more than 75 percent, closed down 8.38, or just over 4 percent, at 198.34. Selling of AMD spilled over into

other microprocessor makers. Fearing that a semiconductor slowdown means that orders from computer companies are slowing, investors also sold personal computer and workstation stocks.

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Dollar Closes Higher As Jobs Data Awaited

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK -The dollar ended mostly higher on Tuesday, as the market turned its attention from the situation in Russia to the U.S. September employment report, for which there is no consensus.

The dollar ended at 1.6254 Deutsche marks, up from 1.6230 DM,

Foreign Exchange

and at 1.4227 Swiss francs, up from 1.4185 francs. It also rose to 5.6803 French francs from 5.6635 francs. The dollar slipped against the yen in Asian trading after the gov-ernor of the Bank of Japan, Yasu-

shi Mieno, said the strong yen could help Japan recover from recession by making imports cheap-er. It ended in New York at 105.75

yen, unchanged.

The dollar's path was erratic, reflecting uncertainty about the outlook for the U.S. economy. With Russia's weekend violence

past, and President Boris N. Yeltsin apparently in control, the dollar lost its safe-haven allure and opened broadly lower.

But the currency bottomed out at a technical support level of

1.6130 DM and rebounded higher, driven, many dealers said, by heavy buying by U.S. fund managers. most conspicuously the influential

fund group run by George Soros. Dealers called the trading narrow and technical, with the attention shifting to Friday's crucial report on U.S. September employment.

Investors were betting the report would show the labor market improved in September. "People think we might get a better-thanexpected employment number, and that's keeping the dollar in demand as the Russian tensions unwind," said Amy Smith, market strategist at IDEA, a consulting firm.

good economic reports, betting that stronger growth will give the Federal Reserve Board the incentive to raise rates. Higher rates, aimed at controlling inflation. make dollar-denominated deposits more attractive.

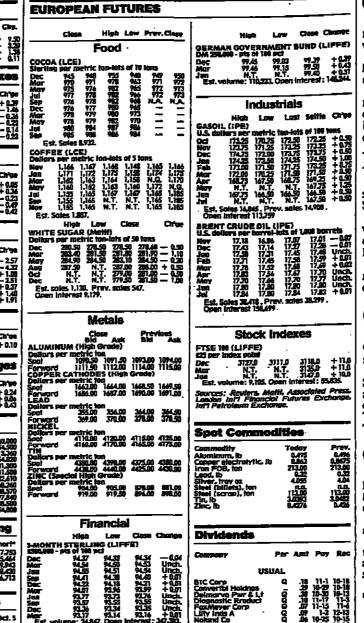
"If we see an increase of 200,000 jobs, people will be pleased," said Karen Kluge, foreign-exchange adviser at Credit Suisse. The economy lost 39,000 jobs in Angust. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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FRANKFURT - Deutsche Börse AG said it planned to merge with Deutsche Terminbörse GmbH on Jan. 1 in order to integrate the securities and fixed-income markets with the futures and options market. It said the move was necessary to improve the German stock ex-change's competitiveness with other European exchanges in view of the European single market. Deutsche Börse said that the merger would be proposed at the supervisory board's next meeting, on Oct. 13.

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QVC Says It Has Financing for Bid

NEW YORK (AP) — The cable shopping channel operator that is, trying to break up Paramount Communications inc.'s plans to mergry, with Viacom Inc. said Tuesday it has lined up financing for its offer.

OVC Network Inc. said it delivered to Paramount commitment letters, Ovc Network Inc. said it delivered to Paramount commitment letters, offer \$4 billion in financing in support of its \$9.5 billion cash and stock offer for the prized studio owner and publishing powerhouse. Offer for the letters include loan commitments for six banks for \$500. It said the letters include loan commitments for \$1 billion in million each and previously disclosed commitments for \$1 billion in equity financing from the cable companies, Conneast Corp. and Liberty Media Inc. The financing commitments would apparently be more than enough to pay for the \$3.56 billion cash portion of QVC's offer.

BP and Shell to Develop Mars Field

HOUSTON (Combined Dispatches) — Shell Oil Co. and BP America said Tuesday that they plan to develop the Mars oil and gas field, which said Tuesday that they plan to develop the Mars oil and gas field, which said Tuesday that they plan to develop the Mars oil and gas field, which said they plan to develop the Mars field which was discovered in 1980 which owns 71.5 percent of the Mars field which was discovered in 1980 which owns 71.5 percent of the Mars field, which was discovered in 1989, while

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Cap Cities and Hearst in Cable Deal

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Capital Cities/ABC Inc. and Heavy Corp., co-owners of ESPN2, have agreed with the country's largest cable system that will give a significant boost to the new all-sports channel.

system that will give a significant boost to the new all-sports channel.

Tele-Communications Inc. will make ESPN2, which made its debut on Sunday, available to its 10.4 million cable homes. Capital Cities/ABC and Hearst have now reached agreement for ESPN2 with the 20 largest cable system contracts. Presching 98 percent of onbig homes. In section cable system operators, reaching 98 percent of cable homes. In return, Tele-Communications agreed to keep Capital Cities/ABC's and Hearst's TV stations on its cable systems.

Grumman to Stop Making Fighters BETHPAGE, New York (Bloomberg) — Grumman Corp.'s chairman

has said the company cannot stay in the business of making full jet lighters for the military, and instead will concentrate on making sophisticated components for the planes.

That is going to cause some painful downsizing, Renso Caporali said in

a Grumman employee publication.

Mr. Caporali said the company does not have the "programs and resources" to compete as a prime airframe contractor in the U.S. military aircraft market. Grumman must build on its areas of expertise such as surveillance systems, he said in GrummanWorld.

Tilting Train Team Is Formed

NEW ORLEANS (Reuters) - Raytheon Co., General Electric Co. and General Dynamics Corp. have formed a partnership with ABB Inc.

to develop the X2000 high-speed tilt train for the United States.

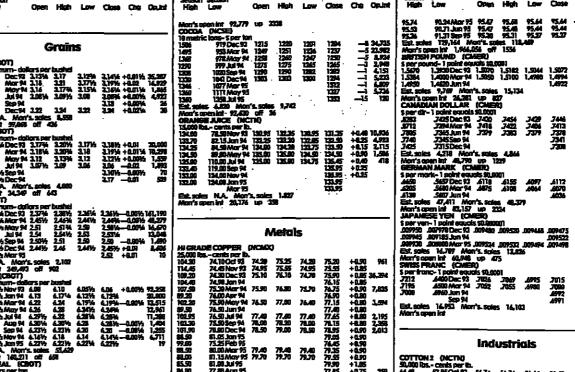
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For the Record

Apple Computer Inc. began the second phase of its Newton MessagePad roll-out, signing up BellSouth Corp. to provide national wireless paging services. Newton, a pocket-sized computer, will be able to send and receive messages between 550 cities and regions in the U.S.

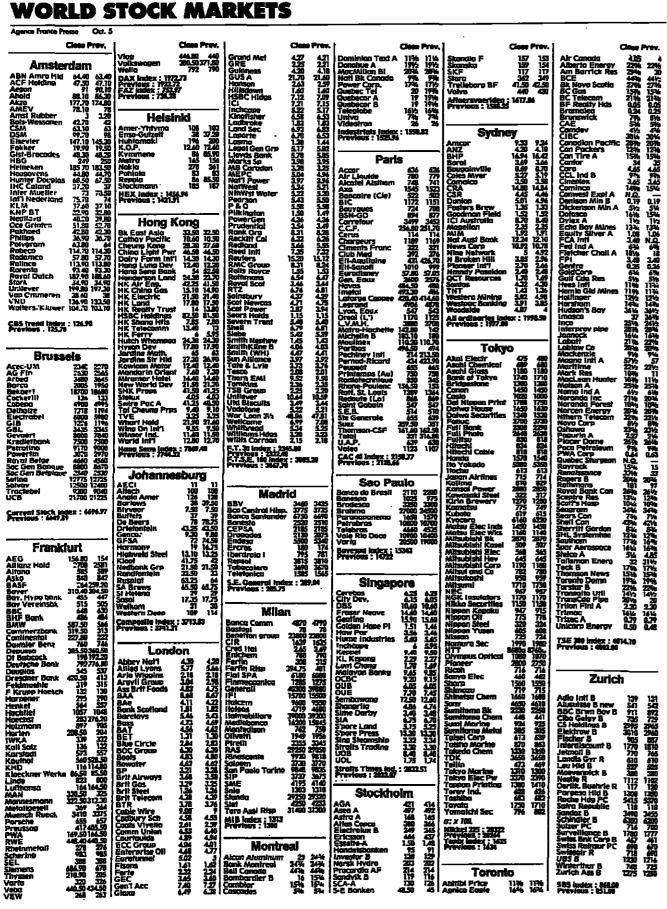
Infinity Broadcasting Corp. said it has agreed to acquire Washington's top-ranked FM radio station and its sister AM station from Cook Inlet Radio Partners for about \$60 million. Infinity already owns Washington's WJFK-FM. (Bloomberg)

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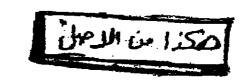
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LUXEMBOURG — Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway pressed Tuesday to step up the pace of negotiations over their entry into the European Community, warning that time was running out in their bid to join the

Ministers of the four countries expressed concern that eight months of talks have produced agreement on only a small minority of issues, while discussion of sensitive areas such as agricultural supports, regional aid and health and environmental standards were just about to begin.

"We've had very serious negotiations al-ready, but the big difficulties still have to be resolved," said Alois Mock, Austria's foreign

"Results must be achieved rather quickly, said Pertti Salolainen, Finland's minister for foreign trade. Ministers agreed that negotiations must be concluded by early next year to leave time for ratification and national refer-endums. "We have very little time left," Mr.

Salolainen said. Ministers also tried to head off efforts among the existing 12 EC members to reform Community institutions ahead of their mem-bership, especially Franco-German consideration of ways to increase the power of large

member states.
"We do not want any reduction in the influence of small countries," said Ulf Dinkelspiel, Sweden's minister for European affairs. He dismissed suggestions that an en-larged Community would become unwieldy and noted that membership for the four would increase the number of commissioners in the EC executive to 21, exactly the number of cabinet ministers in Sweden. "And somehow the country functions reasonably well,"

The officials spoke after their third ministerial-level conference with EC members to assess progress in the talks, which so far has been less than impressive. Sweden has advanced the fastest, settling 11 of the 29 policy areas involved, while laggard Norway has completed only 7 areas.

But the ministers expressed hope of fresh

'We do not want any reduction in the influence of small countries.'

Ulf Dinkelspiel, Sweden's minister for European affairs.

momentum and welcomed a call by Willy Claes, foreign minister of Belgium, which currently holds the EC presidency, to acceler-ate the talks with the aim of wrapping up most issues by the end of the year.

The negotiations are hitting a crucial stage not only for the applicant countries but for the Community as well. More than a year of currency crises, trade spats and bitter politi-cal battles over the integration called for in the Maastricht Treaty on European Union have left existing members sharply divided over the bloc's future.

Any hitch in plans to let in four small wealthy, longstanding democracies that have deep economic ties to the Community would cast grave doubts on the ability to absorb the strategically important countries of Central and Eastern Europe such as Poland, the Czech and Slovak republics and Hungary, EC officials conceded.

But the Community also is wary of public opposition to membership in Scandinavia, especially in Norway. EC officials say that a rejection of membership agreements by refer-endums in the applicant countries would be a blow to the Community's credibility and its plans for deeper integration.

Mr. Salolainen warned the EC Commission not to use those concerns to slow down the negotiations. Noting that Finland, like the other countries, has already spelled out negotiating positions, he said, "The ball is now on the courtside of the Commission."

The remaining hurdles range from core EC issues of farm supports and regional aid to trivial but symbolic issues like the current Community ban on snuff, a popular alterna-tive to smoking in Sweden. Swedish officials said an EC failure to make an exception for the country's 800,000 snuff-takers could easily persuade voters to reject membership and the

threat of meddling by Brussels bureaucrats. On important issues like agriculture, the four countries stand firmly together. They of farm supports, claiming that their more generous supports are needed to sustain rural populations in harsh Alpine and Arctic terri-

The countries will be substantial net contributors to the EC budget to the tune of more than 2 billion Ecus (\$2.35 billion) a year, but they want concessions in EC rules to permit aid to far northern regions of Scandi-navia and Austria's easternmost province of

All four countries want to maintain their health and safety standards, which are often higher and are protected only through 1996

Germany Leans On EC Over Aid For Eko Stahl

DUSSELDORF, Germany -The German government on Tuesday stepped up pressure on the European Community in the debate over restructuring subsidies

for the steel industry. The German economics minister, Gunter Rexrodt, said Germany would make its backing for aid to Spanish and Italian steel companies conditional on the Community's approving German support for Eko Stahl AG, East Germany's

biggest steelmaker.
Mr. Rexrodt also urged Italian and German steel companies that have made competing bids for Eko Stahl to conclude takeover talks with the Treuhand privatization agency before the Community's next talks on steel on Nov. 18.

After separate talks in Berlin with Riva Group of Italy and with of Germany, Mr. Rexrodt said sub-sidies were needed to ensure the survival of Eko Stahl. Riva's plan calls for building a minimal at Eko Stahl with Treu-

hand aid of around 1.03 billion Deutsche marks (\$637 million). Thyssen and Preussag have offered to supply Eko with steel for process-ing if it agrees to stop making steel. Should the problem of subsidies for Eko be resolved, the government

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solving the cases of Spanish and Italian aid," Mr. Rexrodt said. This was the first time Bonn had

explicitly linked EC approval of an estimated 1 billion DM package to modernize Eko Stahl's plant with its consent to aid for steel companies in Spain and Italy.

A German government official close to the negotiations with the Community said that Bonn wanted to make clear that the three aid cases must be seen as a "total package." Mr. Rexrodt has been at odds

with the EC Commission because of his insistence that Eko Stahl be granted the aid to modernize coldrolling facilities · The Commission denied the aid once because it believed the mini-

mill would add capacity to the EC steel market at a time when Brussels and the EC steel industry are at work on a plan to scrap around 30 million tons of capacity.

Mr. Rexrodt repeated his argu-ment that Eko Stahl should not be put in the same category as Spain and Italy, whose steel industries have received billions of dollars in state aid in the past.

Since German unification in 1990, Eastern Germany had shed 50 percent of its crude steel canacity and 85 percent of its steel work-

The London Stock Exchange said it would ahandon its system of two-week trading accounts, ending 300 years of British stock-trading tradi-tion. The exchange said it will move next year to a system of "rolling settlement," in which any deal must be paid for within 10 days. Allied Irish Banks PLC said it accepted an out-of-court settlement totaling \$110 million for claims brought by itself and the failed Insurance Corp. of Ireland PLC against Ernst & Whinney, the accounting firm.

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• The Bundesbank plans to close half of its external offices, which would cut 2,000 of the central bank's 18,000 jobs, the German Public Service and Transport union said.

Amstrad PLC said its pretax loss narrowed to £20.5 million (\$31 million) in the year ended June 30 from £70.7 million a year earlier, while

sales fell 13 percent, to £308.5 million. Chairman Alan Sugar said the

company would divide its activities into divisions and enter new markets, including the one for portable telephones. The company is also seeking a

chief executive to take over from Mr. Sugar, who will remain chairman.

Schneider SA stock dropped 4.8 percent after the company said it plans a 3 billion franc (\$530 million) capital increase. The shares tumbled 17.8

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STOCKHOLM — The Swedish Shareholders' Association, a lobby group representing small investors, on Tuesday called on Volvo AB shareholders to vote against the company's plan to merge with Re-

The group said there were seri-ous drawbacks in the proposed ownership structure, in which the Swedish vehicle builder would take 35 percent of a new combined car and truck company, RVA.

"We said already when the alli- 10 percent of Volvo's equity.

ance was struck that Renault should be publicly listed," the group said. "That should have been done before

the plans were presented." Instead, the Volvo car operations will be controlled by the French state until and unless Renault is

Thus, the association urged Volvo holders to vote against the merger proposal at a meeting Nov. 9. An association official said its members include shareholders representing

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placement of Daimler-Benz stock guarantee for the Midwestern intargeting the American market. Deutsche Bank, which owns 28.1 percent of Daimler-Benz, has said that we're a sound investment," he it would consider selling approxi-said. The shares are to be issued by mately 3 percent of the company's CS First Boston, Goldman Sachs & stock for such a purpose.

Daimler-Benz agreed this sum-mer to publish its financial results according to the U.S. system of generally accepted accounting principles, which demand more detailed disclosure of a company's financial performance than Ger-

Kaufhof plans to issue common and preferred shares in New York in the form of sponsored ADRs, which are traded in the over-thecounter market and are exempt from U.S. accounting principles. The shares are nevertheless sound, said Michael Fiedler, head of the company's finance department.

The names of the investment capital.

houses issuing our ADRs are the vestor with worries about putting his money in a foreign company Co. and Morgan Stanley Inc.

Citibank is acting as the depository for Daimler-Benz's ADRs.

Daimler-Benz and Kaufhof hope to increase the proportion of American investors in their shareholder bases by issuing shares in the United States. Fewer than 2 percent of Daimler-Benz and Kaufhof shares are now in the hands of Americans. In the case of Daimler-Benz, that situation stands in sharp contrast to its worldwide sales, roughly 17 percent of which are generated in the United States. Mr. Renter said Daimler-Benz hopes to boost U.S. holdings to 10 percent of its equity

In 1992, Americans invested more than \$32 billion in non-American shares, including \$18 billion in European shares. Counting Daimier-Benz, 567 foreign shares from 40 countries are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Several German companies, including Volkswagen AG and Dresdner Bank AG, already have sponsored ADRs in the United States similar to those that Kanfhof wants to issue. Many institutional investors also regularly purchase German shares in foreign currency through their subsidiaries abroad.

"The people we deal with are big enough that they can invest in overseas equities directly in the foreign markets," bypassing ADRs in the case of German companies, said Commerzhank's Mr. Longley, who sells German equities to Asian in-

MOVIES: Trade War's Front Line SURPLUS:

Continued from Page 13 would be a mistake to regard French dismay over the GATT negotiations as a sign of rejection of American culture. Indeed, said Mr. Knisel, the French are besotted with American culture.

According to an article by Mr. Toubon, the question is often pre-sented in a caricatured fashion, as if it were a sign of national identity crisis and had nothing to do with real economic issues. Europe's trade deficit with the

United States in the andiovisual sector last year was about 22 billion francs, compared with 9 billion francs in 1980, he said, "and yet it shown in French movie houses are is the Americans who complain about protectionism." flects not only American commer-

"This isn't anti-Americanism," Mr. Toubon said. "The survival of cial aggressiveness but also the fact our culture and pluralism are at that in France, just two giant com-stake. No one in the world has been panies, both linked to American so warmly favorable to the great multinationals, control nearly all American film directors as the En-

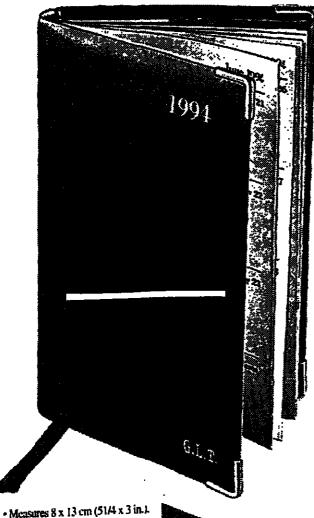
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give a current example, it is not an ficient to reverse the rising trend of accident that Woody Allen releases Japan's current-account surplus. which economists expect to continue into next year. That is because About 80 percent of the films even as the strong yen depresses exports, products shipped overseas are worth more in dollar terms, an shown in European movie houses are made in the United States. Only percent of the films released in effect known as the J-curve. the United States are European-Japan's current-account simplus made, partly because major enter-

is on track to hit a record \$142 billion in the fiscal year ending March 31, up from \$126 billion the ear before, according to Masaru Takagi, chief economist at the Fuji Research Institute. Only drastic cuts in income taxes could dent the imbalance, but hopes for such reductions before April are fading fast, he added.

Viewed in terms of yen, Japan's surplus is rapidly declining, though not for the reasons Washington

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When Japan's Rice Bowl Cracked Need to Import Stirs Unease Among Farmers and in Nation

By T.R. Reid

HIGASHI NARUSE Japan - Things were looking worse and worse as summer wore on, and by mid-September Kiichi Sasaki knew he faced a full-fledged disaster. 'Oh, God, it's terrible," Mr. Sasaki said, a pained grimace tightening below his bushy mustache, "One look and you can see we've lost everything."

Mr. Sasaki was looking over the steeply terraced paddy fields on his 1.6-hectare (4acre) farm, where the golden-yellow rice stalks point straight upward toward a bril-

That is the problem: By this time of year, the rice stalks should not be straight at all. Each one should be curved as sharply as an umbrella handle, drooping under the weight of grains of rice waiting to be harvested. Because of the cool, wet summer of 1993. those grains did not grow over large sections of Japan's northern rice bowl. As a result. Japan faces the most severe crop failure since the end of World War II, and by some mea-

sures, the worst harvest in a century. For tens of thousands of farmers such as Mr. Sasaki, the disaster marks a personal calamity, although one that government crop insurance will help to alleviate. For Japan as a whole, the rice crisis poses a

crucial political question. Japan's 45-year-old ban on importing rice has been denounced around the world as a symbol of trade protectionism. Many business leaders and politicians - including Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, in a book published last year --- have announced support for liberalizing the rice market. But the farm bloc's political clout has always

blocked that change. The crop failure means that this rice-eating country will have to import at least 10 percent of its staple food this year. But Japanese are asking whether these emergency purchases of foreign rice will turn into a permanent end to

the import ban. Mr. Hosokawa seemed to suggest as much 10 days ago. In an interview with American correspondents, he cited this year's bad

The obvious fear is, they'll import rice this year and then say, "See, it wasn't so bad."

Ken Takahashi of Higashi Naruse farm co-op

weather as a reason for importing rice, and then added that it is essential for Japan to help negotiate a successful end to the Uruguay Round of world trade talks. This would require Japan to give way on rice imports.

His comment drew mixed reviews from other members of the seven-party coalition that Mr. Hosokawa heads. The Clean Government Party endorsed rice liberalization

but the Social Democratic Party opposed it. Mr. Hosokawa has since backtracked. Last weekend, touring grainless northern rice fields, the prime minister said he saw "no connection" between the emergency imports and a long-term change in rice policy.

Analysts are split over what Mr. Hosokawa and his coalition partners will decide. "Hosokawa has no intention of liberalizing," said Takayoshi Miyagawa, a political analyst. "He has a lot of other priorities facing him. Who needs a big political battle over rice?"

Atsushi Kusano, a professor at Keio University. disagreed. "Hosokawa personally wants to liberalize the rice market," he said. This year's weather could be his chance to teach the farmers that they can survive some

The prime minister's rhetorical retreat has not soothed fears in Japan's farm country, where government price subsidies make it possible for farmers to earn a living growing

rice on farms that average about one acre.
"The obvious fear is, they'll import rice this
year and then say, 'See, it wasn't so bad,'"
said Ken Takahashi, head of the farm cooperative at Higashi Naruse, which lies in the southern part of Akita Prefecture, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) northwest of Tokyo.

The government has declared that its plan to import rice is designed strictly to meet the current year's emergency shortfall. But farmers say a second year of poor harvests is likely for also devastated stocks of hybrid rice grown to make the seed for the next year's crop. To the casual visitor, this autumn in Akita

looks like any other year's. Beneath the heavily forested mountain ridges, tier after tier of terraced fields climbs the hillsides, with rice plants turning from green to a glowing gold as the mid-October harvest approach But looks are deceptive. "The color of the stalks isn't bad," said Mr. Sasaki, 55, the third

generation of his family to grow rice in Akita.
"But where's the grain? Do you think I spent every day working out here to raise stalks?" In some parts of Japan, farmers will get grain from their rice, although the highest yields this year will probably come in at about 80 percent of the average harvest.

Hutchison Sets Port Venture **In South China**

HONG KONG - Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. said Tuesday it was leading a group of investors that planned to take a 70 percent stake in a 5 billion yuan (\$866.2 million) port venture in southern China.

The joint venture will own, operate and further develop the port of Yantian in China's booming Shenzhen economic zone, just across the border from Hong Kong, Hutchison said.

Hutchison, controlled by the investor Li Ka-shing, is already the leading investor in developing a major container port in Shanghai.

Under the agreement, Hongkong International Terminals Ltd., a Hutchinson subsidiary, will be the major shareholder in the joint venture. The company did not detail the size of its stake.

Hutchison's partners will be China's shipping giant China Ocean Shipping (Group) Co., Japan's Missui & Co. and Kumagai Gumi (HK). The remaining 30 percent of the equity will be owned by Shenz-hen Dongpeng Industries Co.

Hongkong International Terminals, which is the largest container terminal operator at Hong Kong's Kwai Chung port, will operate the current Yantian port and be re-sponsible for its future development, Hutchison said.

is responding to a rapidly growing demand for container handling services in southern China," said Hongkong International's managing director, John Meredith. "It is our intention to develop a worldclass deep-water facility which will complement Hong Kong's existing facilities in Kwai Chung."

Yantian has been designated by the government as one of four main deep-water international ports in China. It will operate under simplified customs rules allowing containers and cargo for international transshipment to bypass elaborate customs formalities and pass freely in and out of a bonded zone,

Hutchison said. The first phase of the port development will consist of two 50,000ton container berths and four general cargo berths and will cost 2.5 billion yuan. This should be completed and come into service in

The second phase will include the construction of three 50,000ton container berths costing a further 2.5 billion yuan at current prices. This should be finished and working in 1995, Hutchison said.

When completed, the handling capacity of the five container berths and four general cargo berths will be 1.7 million 20-footequivalent container units and 2 million tons of cargo a year, respec-

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Very briefly:

 Nippon Life Insurance Co. said it would reduce its Japanese stock holdings to 15 percent of total assets from 20 percent because it believes the benchmark Nikkei 225-stock index will fall as low as 18,000 from its current 20,295.83 and will have trouble recovering to 20,000.

Japan's Finance Ministry said net purchases of foreign stocks by Japanese investors rose to \$1.9 billion in August from \$1.38 billion in

 Nispon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. is to eliminate an unspecified portion of its 25,000 management positions by offering financial incertives to encourage early retirement of staff members older than 45.

· Vietnam's Communist Party chief, Do Muoi, and top officials are in Singapore to discuss trade and other economic issues; Singapore is considered Vietnam's largest trading partner, and bilateral trade reached 1.7 billion Singapore dollars (\$1.1 billion) in 1992, a 13 percent increase.

 Malaysia is diversifying its sources of external borrowings to cushion itself from the surging yen, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said; yen-denominated loans accounted for about 30 percent of Malaysia's foreign debt of 41.4 billion ringgit (\$16.3 billion) at end-1992.

PT Elang Mahkota Kompeter and Compaq Computer Corp. have set up a venture to assemble Compaq products in Indonesia.

Taiwan Data Show Economy Slowing

TAIPEI - Trade and inflation data released Tuesday showed the economy continuing to slow and suggested the government may have -o cut interest rates, economists said. Taiwan's trade surplus plunged

ports inched up just 0.3 percent, to \$6.51 billion. Consumer-price inflation was just 0.74 percent in September the weakest monthly rate since consumer prices dropped 0.71 percent

30 percent from a year earlier, to \$580 million in September, as ex-

Chen Chang-hainng, director of the Finance Ministry's statistics department, attributed the sluggish China's moves to cool its overheat-

in September 1991.

ed economy, which have begun to ports, and this makes a domestic curb trade with Taiwan. economic slowdown inevitable," curb trade with Taiwan. "The poor state of the global said Ting Yu-tung chief economist economy is hitting Taiwan's ex- at Bank of Taiwan.

Questions About BAe Project

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TAIPEI - The government may drop its support for a proposed joint venture between Taiwan Aerospace Corp. and British Aerospace PLC.

opposition politicians said Tuesday. BAe denied the report. Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kung "told me that the government will soon issue a statement to announce the halting of the project," Chen Shui-bian, a parliamentary deputy from the main opposition Democratic Progressive Party, said. He said the minister had told him the project would be dropped because of British Aerospace's reluctance to pass

aviation technology along to Taiwan.
"It's not true," said Ian Woodward, a BAe spokesman. "I have spoken to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, who said it was not true." (AFX, AFP)

tion rate, despite depreciation of the Taiwan dollar against the U.S. dollar, also showed that Taiwan's economic growth was slowing.

■ Investment Barrier Raised Taiwan has moved to deter investment bound for China by banning the island's largest private steel company from collecting funds from the stock market for a mainland project. Agence France-

Presse reported Tuesday. The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday rejected an application by Chun Yuan Steel Industry Co. to launch a 500 million Taiwan dollar (\$18.6 million) cash-call package on the local

ASEAN Agrees to Start Tariff Cuts Next Year

SINGAPORE — Economic officials of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have agreed to begin cutting tariffs by next year, an ASEAN official said Tuesday.

"All ASEAN countries without exception have agreed to implement the Common Effective Preferential Tariff scheme from 1994," ASEAN's secretary-general, Ajit Singh, said.

Some countries may implement the scheme from early next year and some from the middle of the year, but nobody is now talking that they cannot

implement it before 1995 or 1996," he said

Leaders of ASEAN - which includes Brunei, Indonesia. Malaysia, the Philippines, Sin-gapore and Thailand — agreed in January 1992 to form a tarifffree common market within 15

The program was designed to cut tariffs on selected product groups to between zero and 5 percent, beginning this year. The plan requires the tariff reductions to be made within 10

years for "fast-track" product

groups and by 2008 for all man-

average Chinese consumed only 30 starting in mid-1995. grams (about one ounce) of choco-

Cadbury Chocolate for China

BELJING — Cadbury Schweppes PLC said Tuesday that it was setting up a joint venture plant in Beijing in an effort to get Chinese people to eat cent of the \$29 million cost of the

Kevin Hayes, chairman of the Pacific Rim division of the confection- ture, Industry and Commerce. Anery and beverages company, said the nual output is to be 5,000 tons

lia and the United States and 13-14 kilograms in Switzerland Mr. Hayes said Cadbury

Schweppes was investing 75 pernew plant, a joint venture with Beijing General Corp. for Agricul-

Until then, products will be imlate a year, against 1.5 kilograms in Hong Kong, 5 kilograms in Austra-

Thai Index Has First Close Over 1,000 in 3 Years

BANGKOK — The main Thai stock index pected the index would hold above 1,000, with closed above the 1,000-point mark in active local investors buying on high liquidity and low The Stock Exchange of Thailand index jumped 20.74 points, or 2.1 percent, to finish at

1,019.45 on active volume of 8.39 billion baht (\$331.1 million). "It's a very convincing breakout," said David ambrill, research manager at Peregrine Bro-

"It looks like we're going to see a small buil run here." said Suchai Suthasthumkul, vice president of Ekachart Finance & Securities.

The index last closed above 1,000 on Aug. 6. 1990, when it finished at 1,009.04. Its record Several brokers and analysts said they ex- Hang Seng Index Sets High

as brightened economic prospects for Thailand The delayed 1992-93 budget bill of Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai's government was passed by the parliament in March, and analysts said bureaucratic procedures meant allocations

had just started to reach the receiving end. By early next year, we should start to see the results of government spending," an analyst at Crosby Research Ltd. said.

buying shares of building-materials makers on expectations of higher earnings soon as con-

Mr. Gambrill said Thais and foreigners were

Strong demand from American institutional to its third consecutive record close, Reuters

The main index jumped 125.16 points, to end

Several major American institutions increased their weighting for Hong Kong stocks, triggering heavy demand for local issues.

investors are more skeptical about what Patten is going to do," Simon Chaplow at Smith New Court said. Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten is to make a policy speech Wednesday.

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plies to HBO.

Synergies are very difficult to achieve in any industry, but even harder in entertainment because of the independence of creative teams and the industry's dependence on creative talent to begin with," said Rosabeth Moss Kanter, a professor at Harvard Business School, who studies strategic change in corpora-

"The book people feel a sense of intellectual superiority over the people in film, who in turn look down on media that have small

elite audiences." she added. "They resist like crazy the idea that they owe any allegiance and cooperation to anyone in any other part of

But that kind of thing just will not happen if Viacom marries Paramount. Mr. Biondi insisted. "I won't pretend that it will be easy this size," he said, "but there are differences between us and other mergers. There are not a lot of overlaps in the business or antago-nisms that come with the deal."

Barry Diller, the chairman of QVC, declined to be interviewed for this article, although he, too, has been publicly refusing to list synergy as a reason he wants Paramount. On Sept. 13. Paramount and Via-

com announced that they would merge in a deal giving Paramount's shareholders cash and stock worth approximately \$8.2 billion - a figure that has since declined because Viacom's stock price has slipped, A week later, QVC offered \$9.5 bil-

Now Viacom is putting together a counteroffer, using Nynex's invest-ment and a \$600 million infusion it

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reported from Hong Kong,

"European and local institutions are largely sidelined at the moment, and I think local

MEDIA: In the Megamergers of the 1990s, None Dare Call It Synergy

prices of movies that Warner sup-

As for Sony Corp.'s purchase of Columbia Pictures in 1989 for \$3.4 billion and Matsushita Electric In-Justrial Co.'s acquisition of MCA Inc. in 1990 for \$6.1 billion, both Japanese buyers spoke of achieving synergies among film consumer electronics and emerging technol-ogies like high-definition television. But so far, Sony and Matsushita have seen no big increases in their consumer electronics sales. The consensus is that the Japanese companies are being milked for cash by their Hollywood partners.

putting together an organization of

lion for Paramount.

tainment last week. Primarily, each suitor covets Par-amount's huge movie library and film production studio as a way to generate new programming for its expanding distribution channels -QVC through its home shopping network and cable alliances, and Viacom through its cable television channels and networks, which include MTV. Showtime and Nickel-

Paramount's 900-film library includes hits like "The Godfather" and Beverly Hills Cop." Current Paramount offerings include the

acquisition gave Ted Turner, the on condition of anonymity.

Broadcasting Systems Inc.'s acqui-sition in 1986 of MGM/UA Com-

obtained from Blockbuster Enter-tainment last week. Atlanta broadcasting entreprenet a 3,000-title film library.

The MGM library provided vital programming for Mr. Turner's "sustart the TNT channel, which has become a leading cable programmer. But Mr. Turner sold all of MGM/UA except broadcast rights to the MGM library within six months of the acquisition, making the deal more a pure programming purchase than anything smacking

f "synergy." In the Paramount battle, a financial adviser representing one bidder conceded that the history of big

movie "The Firm".

A rare example of a merger perceived as successful was Turner

mergers has been disappointing.
"So far there's no proof that synergy is a valid word because we have seen no increase in cash flow or sition in 1986 of MGM/UA Com-munications for S1.6 billion. The nations," the adviser said, speaking

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Dolphins Strike Swiftly, Survive

MIAMI - At the outset, it looked like a rout. After just two possessions, Miami led Washington by two touchdowns.

It didn't work out that way at all. The Dolphins scored three points the rest of the way and their 17-10 victory Monday night over the Redskins wasn't safe until the final minute.

"We let them get back into the game," said the Dolphins' coach. Don Shula. "After the two quick touchdowns, we didn't get much done after that."

Dan Marino hit Tony Martin with an 80-yard touchdown pass on the game's third play, and Mark Higgs scored on a I-yard run on Miami's second possession. Marino also directed a time-con-

suming fourth-quarter drive for a field goal, but the victory wasn't secure until Troy Vincent inter-

Jordan Murder Trial Opens

LUMBERTON, North Carolina — Attorneys for the two 18-year-olds charged with murdering James Jordan opened the trial Tuesday by asking the judge to bar lawenforcement officers from talking about the case to the

A motion was also filed asking that prosecutors reveal whether anyone had been offered immunity or any other deal in return for testimony. Larry Martin Demery and Daniel Andre Green is each charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery in the death of NBA star Michael Jordan's father on July 23. Neither has entered a formal plea, but both have maintained their innocence.

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cepted Rich Gannon's pass at the Washington 44-yard line with 59 seconds left.

The Dolphins improved to 3-1, and put Shula three victories away from George Halas' National Football League record of 324.

The Redskins lost their third in a row and fell to 1-3 for the first time since 1985. They've never made the playoffs after such a start.

Miami limited the Redskins to 10 yards in the first quarter and stopped them twice in the final three minutes.

Marino caught Washington in a blitz on the first series and flipped a pass to Martin, who made the catch at the Miami 35 and sprinted to the end zone chased by three defend-

The completion was Marino's longest in nearly five years.

Miami mounted a nine-play, 73-yard touchdown drive on its second possession. Marino hit rookie running back Terry Kirby for 34 yards. and Higgs scored on a third-down

Kirby rushed for 94 yards in 16 carries, and added 36 yards on three receptions.

After taking the 14-0 lead, Mi-ami crossed midfield four consecutive times. But the threats ended with three punts and an interception by Tom Carter.

Gannon replaced Cary Conklin at quarterback in the third period and directed a 75-yard drive for the Redskins' only touchdown, a 12vard pass to Ricky Sanders that trimmed Miami's lead to 14-10 with 11:08 left.

But Marino then led a 13-play drive that consumed 7:10. It ended with Pete Stoyanovich's 37-yard

field goal.

• Ken O'Brien, a two-time Pro Bowl quarterback for the New York Jets, signed a one-year con-tract with the Philadelphia Eagles, a day after Randall Cunningham

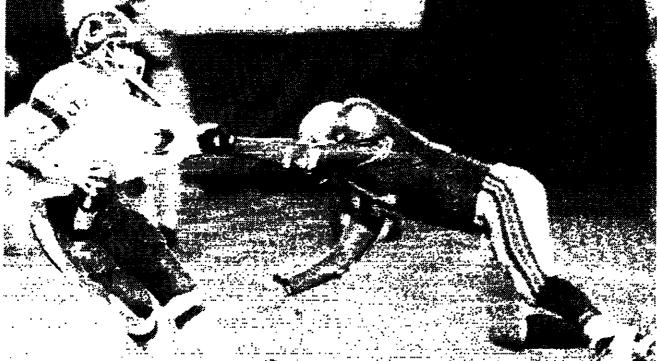
broke his leg. O'Brien will back up Bubby Brister. Cunningham fractured his left fibula Sunday and likely will be sidelined eight to 10 weeks.

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Quarterback Rich Gannon lost a tug-of-war to linebacker Brian Cox as the Redskins, quickly down by 14-0, fell short against the Dolphins.

UEFA Restores Champions' League Semifinals

BERNE — The European Cup semifinals, dropped two years ago with the launch of the Champions' League, will be reintroduced this season, UEFA said Tuesday.

Winners of the two Champions' League groups of four teams will earn the right to a single home match against the runners-up of the

other group on April 27, 1994.
The reform follows criticism of the Champions' League format, in which each group's top team went directly into the final after a roundrobin, home-and-away tournament.

Critics said that produced too many matches of no interest by the time the sixth and final round of the Champions' League was played. The draw for this season's Champions' League will be held

AMERICAN LEAGUE
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KANSAS CITY (6) - George Breft, 1b; y-

ANNINESCITA (2) - x-Brigo Horser, c;

Nov. 5 in Geneva after the second round of the European Cup. Matches will be played between Nov. 24 and April 13.

● In Nantes, France, a prosecutor opened inquiries Tuesday into a second allegation of attempted match-fixing by last season's Euro-pean champion, Olympique Mar-

Judicial sources said an official investigation had begun into an al-legation by Jean-Jacques Eydelie that he had been offered a bribe by Jean-Pierre Bernès, then Marseille's general manager, to throw a league match in March 1992, when Eydelie was playing for Nantes.

He said he had refused the bribe and that no money changed hands. Eydelie, who was transferred to

TEXAS (18) — Steve Bolboni, 1b: Jurio Franco, 2b; x-Caris James, of; xy-Creig Leiferts, litte; x-Charite Leibrandt, litte; Rofeet Palmetre, lb; y-Geno Petrolli, c; Bill Ricken, 2b; John Russeli, c; Noton Ryon, rite, TORONTO (7) — Danny Cox, rite; y-Mark Elethorn, rite; Tony Fernandez, ss; Alfredo Griffin, ss; y-Rickev Henderson, of; x-Jack Marris, rite; y-Dick Schoffeld, ss.

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has admitted offering a bribe to World Cup warmup in Toulouse on three Valenciennes players before a Jan. 11, French federation officials league match last May. He said he said Tuesday. was acting for Bernes, who has denied those charges and suggested Tuesday that Eydelie was being

It was the second surprise development in 24 hours, with Bernard Beffy, the investigating judge in charge of the Valenciennes case, opening a separate investigation against Olympique's owner, Bernard Tapie, on Monday.

That followed Eydelie's statement Friday to Belfy that Tapie had offered him a bribe last month to deny his earlier confession in the Valenciennes case.

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Japanese Leagues

Marseille in the summer of 1992, probably play the U.S. team in a

They said U.S. officials had Chile on March 23.

former captain who has been playing well with the Italian club Samp-

Gullit and the Dutch coach, Dick Advocaat, have not always

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Lighting a Fire

ONDON — Soccer's saving grace is that, at a time when its ethics are more suspect than those of Watergate, along comes a performance to

remind us that this was a game long before it became a business.

Naive? I know it. As well as most, I see the crocks and charlatans who infest modern professional soccer. And not all of them operate in southern France. Yet, as sure as the beauty that arrives with autumnal shades, comes a display suggesting the soul of the sport is worth the candle we hold up to it.

Barcelona's 4-1 defeat of Dynamo Kiev last week was the performance of the season, the come-back of the season. It was theater, it contained magic and, if anyone came up with a theory that it was corrupted in any way. I'd suggest we lock them up in the tower.

The star was Romario. Yes, him again, that little guy from Rio des.

Janeiro. His game is a force of nature. His movement defies the laws of motion. His temperament is no more reliable than the weather.

But, boy, is he worth the price of the admission ticket. Romano Da Souza Faria is the closest thing in soccer to the Diego Maradona of a decade ago. You trust him with your emotions but perhaps nothing else. The contract is between you the spectator and Romario the entertainer.

When he hits the streak he is on now, you pay the money, you sit down if you can, and just give yourself up to whatever it is that moves him.

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A team game? Yes, yes. Romario is a maverick within a team, yet at Barcelona he is given the stage, given the support and given what Pablo Picasso called liberty with order. So Picasso would appreciate the freedom his city's team is granting to Romario. What requires explanation is that Barcelona FC's coach, Johan

Cruyff, tolerates, nay encourages, the whims of Romario.
Cruyff is a man for order, and a few years ago he fell out with Gary Lineker, the most consistent goalscorer of the era, because Lineker would not conform to the team pattern. Cruyff expected Lineker to sacrifice himself in a way he does not, yet, ask of Romario. There is a reason Lineker, for all the reliability of his finishing act, is not as gifted, as

mobile, as clusive as Romario. What Lineker did — still does in Japan — silenced most critics. He spoke with goals, game after game. What Cruyff seeks is the capacity in a

forward to create surprise.

Romario can do it without scoring. Indeed, he inspired Barcelonn's triumph over Kiev without putting his signature to any of the four goals.

He did not score, but he bewitched Dynamo's defense.

He lifted his team, gave the night an essence, gave 100,000 Catalans in their Nou Camp stadium cause to believe that Kiev's 3-1 lead in the first leg of the European Champions' Cup was a challenge not a barrier.

Playing, as he does, like a 27-year-old child of instinct, Romario flitted asked for a match to prepare their in and out of the Ukranian team's defense. If the defenders could find team for the World Cup finals in him, too late, his highly unconventional runs and his searing quickness

the United States next summer. off the mark put him out of tackling range.

France will also play Italy in Naples on Feb. 16 and play host to

Laudrup, claimed the first goal: a sharp, neat, predatory strike. However, the time and room came to Laudrup because you-know-who sold • Ruud Gullit, the Netherland's Kiev an andacious fake; a matador sending the bulls into the next arena. For the second goal, Romario was not in sight. I bet Kiev's defenders were looking for him, wondering why, wondering where. "Romario,

doria, was left off the team named Romanio, wherefore art thou, Romanio." While they pondered, José Bakero stole in to score. Bakero also headed Tuesday to meet England in the crucial World Cup qualifier in Rotterdam on Oct. 13.

While they pondered, José Bakero stole in to score. Bakero also headed in the third goal, and this time Romario was in the picture, scurrying in and out of the danger zone and drawing Kiev to his decoy run.

Naturally, Romario wanted a goal for himself. He was prepared to conjure up one. Once, with his back to the goal, he dragged the ball through his legs with an instep — a trick Cruyff used in his heyday —

turned, saw the goalie racing toward him and, with nonchalant ease, nudged the ball past the keeper. It struck the far post. Romario hit the woodwork a second time, but the drama of this match reached its crescendo after Kiev pulled back a goal to make the aggregate 4. Back came Barcelona. José Guardiola struck the cross bar with a shotthat bounced down behind the line, but the referee and linesman did not

award a goal. Kiev, too, struck the frame of Barcelona's goal, and in the contest's extraordinary ebb and flow the score might easily have matched the 7-3 total by which Real Madrid outscored Eintracht Frankfurt in a European Cup final more than 30 years ago.

Finally, with a masterstroke, came the winner. It came from Ron Koeman, Barcelona's blond bomber. Known for the awesome power of

his right foot, Koeman this time outwitted Kiev by curling a 23-meter free-kick with more precision than force around the wall of defenders. Playing with such risk, Barcelona has a team that has adventure writ large on it. The failings of its defense are more than matched by the

appeal, the potential, the entertainment value, in its attack.

Barcelona might thus eclipse Milan as Europe's top attraction. Italy's premier team still leads its league but, having allowed Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit to leave, and still awaiting Marco van Basten's recovery from his ankle injury, it has become a coach's team, no longer a player's dream. Milan has scored precisely nine goals in nine Italian and European matches. It has conceded none. It has discarded flair for a sound, sometimes cynical defense. And its coach, Fabio Cape

become free operats. Refrestrated Don Smith, pitcher; Jeff Frye and Rob Mourer, Inffelder; saying he has scoured the world and found no exceptional players to buy.

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While he scoured, Cruyff, a Dutchman, was obtaining Romario for a million transfer fee to PSV Eindhoven. Cruyff took a gamble on the scoured that the world and found no exceptional players to buy.

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While he scoured the world and found no exceptional players to buy. gifted prima donna. On Sunday, Romario scored twice against Osasuna, the second time on a cheeky, phenomenal volley that suggested he invents goals for fun.

While the fire is in him, while the freedom of Barcelona is his, we should use him to shut out villainy and negativism. The spirit is contagious: It is an invitation to enjoy the game for the game's sake. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

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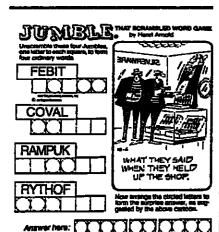
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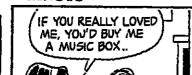


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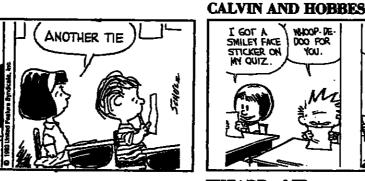
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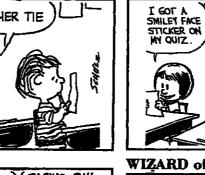


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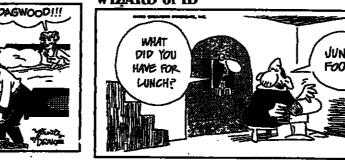
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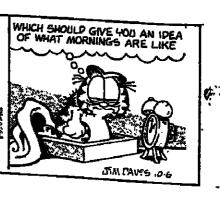




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SPORTS

A Rejiggered NHL Opens Its Season

By Joe Lapointe
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The National Hockey League's regular season began Tuesday night with 26 teams, up by two from last season, up by five from three years ago and up by 20 since 1967. So, what else is up?

Here's an eclectic look at some of the major personalities, significant changes and new wrinkles.

No. 99 and No. 66: Wayne Gretzky, after his Los Angeles Kings bowed out of the Stanley Cup finals in June, hinted he might retire. Bruce McNall, the Kings' owner, gave him 25.5 million good reasons to continue. Gretzky is to play for three more seasons and the money will be paid out over 10 years. Gretzky needs 36 goals to break Gordie Howe's NHL record of 801. If he stays healthy, this pursuit should get a lot of attention after the New Year.

Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux battled and overcame Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer, during the regular season, then missed some playoff games last spring because of his continuing back problems. He underwent back surgery over The summer; the Penguins hope he will be back in a few weeks.

The top rookies: Alexander Daigle, Ottawa; Alexei Yashin, Otta-wa; Chris Pronger, Hartford; Jason Arnott, Edmonton; Chris Gratton, Tampa; Pat Peake, Washington; Ted Drury, Calgary, and Rob Nie-dermayer, Florida.

The new guys: Despite rising at-tendance, the North Stars abandoned Minnesota and settled in Dallas, where they have dropped the "North" from their name. In Anaheim, California, the Walt Disney people are introducing a team called the Mighty Ducks. The other expansion team, the Florida Panthers, will take the ice in Miami.

Strike 1? Strike 2? The referees and linesmen are working without and intesmen are working without contracts, just like the players. If the game officials don't get one by the Nov. 14 strike deadline, they might take off their skates and walk. The players probably won't strike, at least for a good, long while. But if no agreement is in place as the playoffs approach. look for serious saber-rattling. The players make most of their money during the regular season; the owners make most of their profit during the playoffs. This same leverage and timing helped bring about a 10-day walkout two years ago.

New playoff format: For the past decade, the first four teams in each of the four divisions automatically qualified for the 16 postseason berths. Not so now. First-place finishers are in for sure, but the other 12 berths are determined by conference standing, with the teams with the next six best records in each conference qualifying.

In addition, teams will play fewer divisional games (five or six with each divisional foe instead of seven, hight or nine) and they will play whore games against the other division in the same conference.

in the playoffs, the teams will be seeded by conference, not by division, so the top team in the conference will meet the No. 8 team.

Chief instice: Last season, instead of suspending players from games for major rules violations, Gil Stein, then NHL president, suspended them from practice and took away their salary for those days. This season, with Stein re-tired and Brian Burke hired as the vice president, suspensions will be back for serious stick fouls and other outrageous behavior. "Discipline is going to be quick," Burke said, "and they will serve it immediately."

Old faces in new places: Phil Housley was traded from Winnipeg to St. Louis for Nelson Emerson and Stephane Quintal; Andy Moog was dealt from Boston to Dallas for Jon Casey; Marty McSorley, now earning \$2 million per season, was

traded from Los Angeles to Pitts-burgh for Shawn McEachern. Craig Billington moved from New Jersey to Ottawa in a trade for Peter Sidorkiewicz and Mike Peluso; Ron Hextall moved from Quebec to the New York Islanders; Glenn Healy moved from the Is-landers to the New York Rangers, Dennis Savard moved from Montreal to Tampa, joining Petr Klima, who left Edmonton; Corey Millen moved from Los Angeles to New

Bryan Trottier is making a comeback with Pittsburgh; Gerard Gallant moved from Detroit to Tampa Bay; Washington picked up Craig Berube and Enrico Ciccone; Neil Wilkinson moved from San Jose to Aaron Ward moved from Winni-

peg to Detroit for Paul Ysebaert; Jeff Norton mountain Norton moved from the Islanders to San Jose; Craig Simpson has moved from Edmonton to Buf-

And that is only a partial list.



AN EYE OPENER — Todd Martin, mocking the net-cord judge on a disputed call, still beat Ivan Lendl, 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4, Tuesday in the Australian Indoor Championships in Sydney. It was the ninth time this year that Lendl, 33, has failed to get past the first round in a tournament.

For Chisox, Thomas's Bat **Outweighs His Glove**

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

CHICAGO — As dominating a hitter as he has been this season, Frank Thomas would have elbowed his way into prominence in the American League's championship series one way or another. But for now he was the primary topic of conversation because of his elbow.

Gene Lamont, the manager of the Chicago White Sox, and the team's talented trainer, Herman Schneider, left no doubt Monday that Thomas, the heavy favorite to win the league's most valuable player award, would be in the line-up against the Toronto Blue Jays in the playoff opener Tuesday night. But Lamont left open the ques-

tion of where Thomas would play.
"I'd like Frank to play first base, but I'm a little hesitant," Lamont said as his team followed the Blue Jays in a workout at Comiskey Park. The swelling went down from Saturday to Sunday. Yesterday you could see his elbow for the

"If I had to say right now, I'd say he'd probably DH." he added, re-ferring to the designated hitter. Thomas is the White Sox's regu-

lar first baseman, but in trying to catch a foul pop Sept. 19, be ted only 205 in 78 games this seabruised his left triceps. That rendered him unproductive as a hitter, against the Blue Jays, compared against the Blue Jays, compared and he finally sat out five games before the season finale Sunday.

"I was worried," Thomas acand tight I was concerned about right-hander with a 14-3 record. The playing tomorrow night. You have Blue Jays will see Jack McDowell, a a great year and then you're think- 22-game winner who struggled ing your season could be over."

But. Thomas added, his arm is 100 percent better than it was three days ago. He also was heartened by his ability to hit a single and a double and drive in two runs manager, said of McDowell. "He against Cleveland on Sunday. might come out tomorrow night

"I slept with my arm in a sling for three nights," he said. "It was uncomfortable, but it helped. I It remained to be seen what kind

think I'll be 100 percent hitting."
Schneider, who was responsible for restoring Bo Jackson to playing condition after hip surgery, confirmed Thomas's thinking, saying, thing good to hit, preferring to "I don't think it's going to hurt him make the other White Sox hitters inging at all."

Playing first base could be another matter. After he initially hurt his arm. Thomas aggravated it by diving for balls, and that's what the White Sox want to avoid in this four-of-seven-game series.

"We need Frank's bat in the lineup," Lamont said. "It no curves to ball and it puffs up, we won't have

Thomas, with a .317 batting average, 41 home runs and 128 RBIs, clearly is the focal point of the

The Blue Jays, in contrast, have a multitude of reliable hitters, including Joe Carter, the leading run producer, and John Olerud, Paul Molitor and Roberto Alomar, who finished 1-2-3 in the batting race, the first time in 100 years one team has had the top three hitters.

If Thomas is the designated hitter, Lamont said that Dan Pasqua would play first base. Pasqua batwith .065 (2 for 31) for George Bell

and .048 (1 for 21) for Jackson. "I was worried," Thomas acknowledged. "My arm was so big Sox, they will face Juan Guzman, a against them this season, losing both of his starts with a 5.68 ERA.

"He made some bad pitches and our hitters jumped on those pitches," Cito Gaston, the Blue Jays'

of pitches Guzman and the other Toronto pitchers would throw to Thomas. There was speculation that they would not give him any-

But Gordon Lakey, the Blue Jays' super scout, who scrutinized the White Sox the last several weeks of the season, said no one can pitch around Thomas all the

"I saw Kansas City try to pitch "Lamont said. "If he dives for a around him." Lakey said. "They and it puffs up, we won't have were successful early in the game. but late in the game he was up with men on base and they couldn't pitch around him and he best

> To defuse Thomas's bat, Lakey explained, pitchers have to vary the way they pitch him.

"He's a smart hitter." the scout said, "a great long-ball hitter. He uses the whole field, he's a biggame hitter and a good situation

The elbow ailment, Lakey added, would add an unknown factor to the pitchers' confrontations with

"We just don't know what he can do," Lakey said, "We have to see and adjust accordingly. I saw him yesterday and I don't say it was indicative. Our people saw him when he was healthy. You have to adjust to what you see the first few times at bat. You might be able to get away with things you couldn't earlier this year. It's an at-bat to at-

In 11 games against the Blue Jays this season, Thomas batted .289, hit four home runs and drove in 10

SIDELINES

Howe Fired by Astros' New Owner

HOUSTON (AP) -Art Howe, the Houston Astros' manager, and Bill Wood, their general manager, were fired Tuesday by Drayton McLane, who bought the team from John McMullen last November.

• Kevin Kennedy had his contract extended by the Texas Rangers. who finished second in the AL West in his first season. ● John Wathan, interim manager of the California Angels for much of the 1992 season, will not return next season, the team said.

Whitbread Yacht Race Grows Tighter

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AFP) — New Zealand Endeavour and Tokio had their leads narrowed Tuesday in the Whitbread 'Round the The Endeavour had 11 nautical miles lopped off its maxi-class lead by

Switzerland's Merit Cup, which is lying fourth overall, while the fourthplace Yamaha took 25 miles off fellow Japanese boat Tokio's lead in the
place Yamaha took 25 miles off fellow Japanese boat Tokio's lead in the W60 category. • Pascal Ley, a French sailor in a transatlantic solo race, was presumed

lost at sea after the wreck of his boat and the empty survival raft was spotted off northern Spain. Six other sailors in the race were rescued over the weekend in heavy seas.

For the Record

John McEnroe, who said last month that he wanted to be captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team, withdrew his name from contention, citing person-

McGriff Factor: Yes, He Showed Atlanta the Way

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

PHILADELPHIA - No sooner did the Atlanta Braves settle one great debate with the San Francisco Giants then another has begun at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to rage: Now that the Braves have caught fire, delaying the start of the won their third consecutive Nagame. Once the flames subsided, tional League West title, could they McGriff hit the first of his 19 home tional League West title, could they have done it without the midseason acquisition of Fred McGriff?

Just the way the Braves detail their season of success — with the By Sept. 10, the team that had dividing line drawn on the calendar trailed the Giants by 10 games on for the date of July 20 - suggests July 22 was tied for first. The next

3.98 runs a game. And, oh, yes, victories, had a one game lead before July 20, the Braves were 53- San Francisco, winner of 103. 41, in second place behind the Giants, nine games out and fading. McGriff? The statistics suggest not.

After July 20, the Braves won 50 of These are but some of the things big men in the game, feels that all that occurred following the of his new teammates were already winning percentage.

The day that McGriff first put on a Braves uniform, the press box runs for the Braves. They won, 8-5, St. Louis Cardinals.

ming San Diego Padres.

After that date, the Braves proudly note, the team scored 392 standing of all registered on Sunruns in 68 games, or 5.76 a game. day, after each team's 162d and Before that, they had averaged only final game. The Braves, with 104 victories, had a one game lead over

else better."
McGriff, one of the more modest Would it have happened without

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who hit behind McGriff, batted drove in 59 of his 120 RBIs.

.297, belted 11 of his 17 home runs and drove in 46 of his 84 RBIs.

pitches, but I was just more of an "This was a pretty good team," said of Pe aggressive hitter with him hitting Justice said "Then you get those other up."

pretty good. What he added, he figured, was comforting shelter from the weight of expectations that were becoming too great.

took some pressure off a lot of those guys because Pendleton and Justice were having kind of off years," McGriff said, "So when I came here, the attention was on me: 'Let's see what Fred does,' So those guys had less pressure."

behind me. He just makes everyone two guys, you can't help but be an

too. The first baseman played only 68 of his 151 games for Atlanta, but hit 19 of his 37 home runs as a Brave and drove in 55 of his 101

"Ronnie was the gny who really benefited from Freddy, hitting in front of Freddy," Justice said. "But Freddy benefited, too, with a guy behind him hitting 40 home runs." It is all about comfort, said Jus-

tice, whose 40 homers joined him with Henry Aaron, Dale Murphy Atlanta players to hit 40 home runs and drive in 100 or more runs for a season since the Braves moved

to hit a home run or drive in a run because of the guy behind me," he

How that will affect the championship series against the Philadelphia Phillies remains to be seen.

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So Long Baseball

By Russell Baker

EW YORK - Baseball as we have known it ended as the baseball season ended and I'm sorry. Willy, but I can't cry. I was ready to tell baseball "So long. Sweetheart" a year ago.

That's when they played the World Series just before dawn. I know Hamlet prowled battlements at that hour to talk with his father's ghost, but I doubt he would have done it to watch a baseball game.

Yet that's what baseball demanded I do when it scheduled last October's Series to be played long after the bars closed all up and down the Atlantic Seaboard. I didn't want people saying Hamlet had more ense than I had, so I went to bed The papers later said the games had been excellent, so it galled me to know I hadn't endured to see the

end of a single one.

Another thing it is is greed. But then, what isn't? In baseball's case, however, greed led to television, which was disastrous because television hated baseball.

Television loved football. Football had the same entertainment values as "Terminator" and "Rambo" movies: plenty of blood and flaming crashes. Television loved basketball too: men doing incredible acrobatics in tight spaces while jumping up and down every 20 seconds.

These race-the-clock games were built for a nation of urban couch potatoes ill at ease without the shriek of sirens and the thrill of being tailgated at 75 miles an hour by an 18-wheeler.

Celevision loved them, but baseball it hated. It hated baseball so much that after CBS spent most of its wealth to buy the rights to baseball it practically never televised a game. Not even on Saturday after-

Like the other networks, it televised golf instead. Golf! Has any crucler judgment ever been regis-tered against baseball than television's decision to go with golf? Baseball has ever since been bowing and scraping and kissing television's ring, as for example by refusing to start the World Series

until one-third of the nation is ready for bed. This puts the start of the game in prime time when advertising rates

are highest. If a lot of people toddle off to bed as dawn nears, it doesn't matter, since nobody expects a big TV audience after midnight any-

O. K., so baseball will do anvthing to make television love it, which brings it to the ending of baseball as we have known it. Hoping to turn itself into a TV charmer. baseball next season will abandon its so-called pennant races and adopt a playoff system so tacky that a team that finishes second can still win the World Series.

Everybody says yes, it's sort of bush league, but it might bring in more TV money, so let's try it. People who object that it will spoil baseball's unique quality are dismissed as "purists," a term suggesting that only an old fussbudget would com-plain about the factory cheapening the product to raise its profits.

I am not one of these quaint, oldfashioned "purists" turning his back on the adulterated product. It's touching, but contrary to reality, to insist on the purity of baseball. The pennant races, in fact, were abandoned in 1969 when the two leagues' two divisions went to a system of division playoffs to de-termine which of four teams won the pennant.

The Everest of statistics so cherished by baseball nuts is nearly meaningless. Comparing performances today to performances 15, 40, 70 years ago is comparing ap-ples and Brazil nuts.

Today's jet-lagged player constantly crisscrosses the country at 30,000 feet, uses a nearly error-proof basket-size glove, hits with a bat as delicately engineered as a Swiss watch, plays almost every game under artificial light, sees opposing teams only half as often as the oldtimers used to, has a fresh ball every few minutes to pitch or swing at and trains on weight machines or ste-roids instead of bourbon and beer.

No true purist would waste time comparing the modern hero statis-tically to his forebears who traveled, played and lived in a different world where the afternoon sun always shone, even at World Series time. Time and change happeneth to us all, usually with bad results, but baseball at cock-crow? So long,

New York Times Service

The B-Movie Maker and His Biggest Fan

By Richard B. Woodward

New York Times Service N EW YORK —Rudolph Grey has the wary, unshaven face of a New Yorker who finds sunlight irritating.

Even in the dimness of his apartment, a second-floor walk-up in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in New York, he squints. His hipster threads — olive jacket with thin collar turned up, white shirt with big cufflinks, black jeans - are nicely wrin-

He chain-smokes thin brown cigarettes, the ashes from which have, over time, formed a kind of fossil layer on his thousands of LPs and 45s.

Most of his adult life ("just say I'm in my late 30s," he insists) Grey has existed on the tattered fringe of New York's art and music scene. Since 1972, he has been known profes-

sionally and to his friends as Rudolph Grev, a persona chosen because "Rudolph is colorful and Grey is sort of neutral," he says. He won't give his real name.

Born in Brooklyn and trained as a painter at the School of Art and Design and the Institute of Technology in Manhattan, he has played guitar in small clubs, often with just a drummer, for about 15 years.

His remarkably loud style, made from abstract slabs of noise laced with squealing feedback, can be heard on independent labels like New Alliance and Ecstatic Peace. But his following has never been large or devoted. "I don't want to talk about my music career," he snaps. "It confuses people."

The confusion rests, if only in his mind, on the fact that now Grey is better-known as an author. "Nightmare of Ecstasy," his biography of Edward Wood Jr., B-movie director and renowned transvestite, was published last year to outstanding reviews. "Delirious and horrifying — and All True!" Richard Corliss wrote in Time

The production company for the director Tim Burton, who made "Batman Returns" and the new, animated "Nightmare Before Christmas," paid a reported \$250,000 for the film rights.

Now shooting in Los Angeles, it has become an \$18 million black-and-white feature for Walt Disney's Touchstone Pictures, starring Johnny Depp. Patricia Arquette, Martin Landau, Sarah Jessica Parker, Lisa Marie Smith and Bill Murray.

Wood wrote and directed several of the most peculiar films to come out of Hollywood. Produced on trifling budgets that wouldn't pay the Perner bill for a feature film today, Wood's efforts veer between bold, cut-rate experimentation and pure lunacy. Some, like "Plan 9 from Outer Space" and "Bride of the Monster," have



Rudolph Grey sings the praises of cult films like "Glen or Glenda."

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props and plots.
Fascination with Wood has burgeoned as researchers like Grey have fleshed out the sad absurdities of his life. According to Grey's book, Wood was a none-too-secret cross-dresser. A decorated Marine in World War II, he is known to have worn a pink bra and panties beneath his fatigues during the invasion of Tarawa.

As a director, he borrowed or stole wardrobe items from his actresses, especially anything soft and fuzzy, like angora socks or sweaters. And he often pounded out scripts or novels on a typewriter at the kitchen table while costumed in a wig. makeup, a skirt and high heels.

Burton clearly shares an affection for Wood's work and an empathy for his travails. "There is something beautiful about somebody doing what they love to do, no matter how misguided, and remaining op-timistic and upbeat against all odds," he says by fax from Los Angeles.

Grey, who has been hired as a consultant for Wood's film, grouses that his services have not yet been enlisted. "Ask Tim Burton why he hasn't called me," he says. Grey's recent, happy spin of the wheel of fortune seems only to have increased his apprehensions. It's two days before he is supposed to receive his money (he won't say how much) and he fears a last-minute snag. "These studios, you nev-er know what they'll do," he says.

Grey has had no previous relationship with large sums of money. Getting by as a paste-up artist for publishers because his music jobs never covered the rest, he hasn't earned enough to pay taxes in 10 years, he says. His book proposal was turned down by 12 houses.

The book might not have found a home

at all had a friend, the writer Jimmy McDonough, not told him to contact Adam Parfrey, editor and publisher of Feral House in Los Angeles. The renegade purveyor of underground classics like Apocalypse Culture," an anthology of articles on various cults and conspiracies,

Parfrey quickly signed the project.
"Adam was an Ed Wood fan," Grey says. "And he was hip enough to know this was important." Enthusiasm seems to have compensated for advance money. Grey received \$1,000 to embark on the book.

As a teenager, Grey watched Wood's budget shockers with amazement on "Chiller Theater." After dozens of viewings, he still finds "Plan 9 from Outer Space" to be "perfectly charming, like a pulp supernatural fairy tale." But not until December 1978 ("the fate-

ful month," as he puts it in the introduc-

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tion to his book), during a midnight screening at the old Thalia theater in New York, did Grey experience the "revelation" that led to more than a decade of obsessive labor.

The epiphany was "Glen or Glenda." Wood's most notorious and personal film. Violating most of the rules of cinema, this thinly disguised autobiography includes. among many jarring elements, clinical accounts of transvestism, Bela Lugosi reciting demented nursery rhymes and a confused young man who must tell his fiancee a dark secret - and it isn't that he has been seeing another woman.

Among the many B-movie directors whose work ran on the bottom halves of twin bills during the 1950s and '60s, Wood has been singled out by some critics for special scorn. He was once voted the Vorst Director of All Time by Harry and Michael Medved, creators of the Golden Turkey Awards. Videos of his films are marketed with campy warning labels that read: "Do not watch this film. It is so bad you may not be able to stand it."

The topic of Wood's supposed incompetence taps a hot gusher of emotion in Grey.

"It's continually 'Ed Wood, Worst Filmmaker,' " he said. "I don't see how these so-called critics can justify it. If he was such a bad filmmaker, why would anyone put his films out on video, right? The worst directors make some TV movie that no one ever thinks about. Movies that are insipid, bland, stupid, boring. That's

"Anyone who does something really different in this country, the Bozo element of the press will attack him," he continues. "It's easy to make fun of low-budget mov-

Grev spent more than 10 years researching and writing his book. To finance his many trips to Los Angeles, he sold off his huge collection of horror- and sciencefiction-movie posters. Of the more than 600 he once owned, 40 are left. Prime examples, from "Attack of the 50-Ft. Woman," "Jail Bait" and "Bride of the Monster," still adorn his walls.
"In the early '70s, you could get them

for about 50 cents," he says. "By the early '80s, they were worth \$300 or \$400 each That paid for a lot of my research. And I borrowed money, of course."
Wood died in 1978 at 54, before anyone

thought he might one day be infamous. There was never an interview with Ed Wood on Ed Wood," Grey says, shaking his head. "No one took him seriously. Every time anyone interviewed him it was about Bela Lugosi. Ed Wood was the rotten mushroom at the bottom of the hill, as far as most people were concerned."

PEOPLE

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An illustrious lineup of artists and performers will be honored Thurs-day by President Bill Clinton, as he presents the National Medals of Arts. The recipients are singer Ray Charles, opera singer Robert Mer-rill, artist Robert Rauschenberg, author William Styron, film director Billy Wilder, bandleader and singer Cab Calloway, folklorist Bess Lomax Hawes, poet Stanley Kunitz, playwright Arthur Miller, theater director Lloyd Richards, choreogra-pher Paul Taylor and arts patrons Walter and Leonore Anneaberg.

He paints, he writes poetry and he's posing in the nude as Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker." Yo! This :: no pale intellectual. One look at the biceps in Annie Leibovitz's photograph on the cover of Vanity Fair and there's no doubt that Sylvester Stallone is intent on maintaining the muscle-man action-hero image he got portraying "Rocky" and "Rambo." Stallone told the magazine he's given up on having people take his interest in literature and art seriously - and after acting in several comedy flops, he's also given up doing anything but action movies.

It was a marriage made in a Christian theme park. Tammy Faye Bakker exchanged vows in Rancho Mirage, California, with an old family friend, the developer Roe Messner, while her ex-husband, the former televangelist Jim Bakker, serves time in prison for fraud. Messner built much of the Heritage USA Christian complex in Fort Mill, South Carolina, which was run by Bakker.

A British publishing company says it will go ahead this week with plans to release what it claims is the diary of Jack the Ripper despite the opinion of several experts that it is a hoax. "The Diary of Jack the Ripper," published by Smith Gryphon Publishers, claims a Liverpool cotton merchant named James Maybrick was the infamous murderer of five prostitutes in the Whitechapel section of East London in the autumn of 1888.

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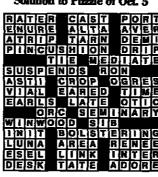
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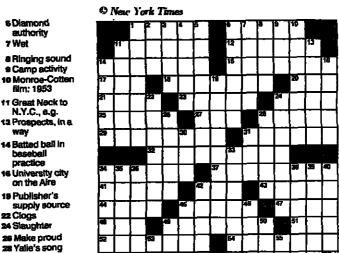
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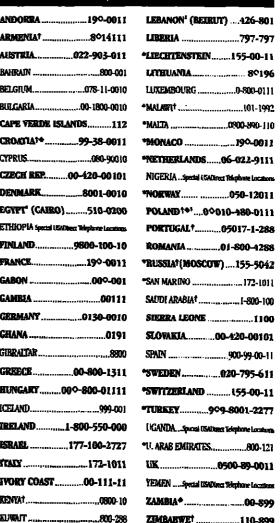
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